



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 15th 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 15th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/1gkFZUA8S-g>

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Partita on "Fairest Lord Jesus" Richard Peek

GREETING

Give thanks to God!

***We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.***

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

***We thank God, when we can and as we can,
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.***

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***We thank God that, in Christ,
our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter,
are in God's heart and hands.***

HYMN #140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.

We invite you into this place where we, your orators, your writers, your psalmists, and your worshipers are gathered.

We praise you for the amazing gift you have bestowed upon us. May we never take it for granted that you chose us from the foundations of the world to be here at this time.

Help us to cultivate, nurture, and use the gift that you have placed in us for your glory and honor.

We are nothing without you. We are the writing instruments in the hand of the most capable and creative entity, the Great I am, the Ancient of Days, the Alpha and Omega.

May the works we pen in worship today and from this day forward exalt and reverence the almighty God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May these works be anointed to encourage, edify, chastise, free, heal, save, teach, forgive, bring purpose, expose, and unify your body.

May they defeat, confuse, tear down, expose, shame, tread-upon, and rebuke the enemy of our souls, the great deceiver, and the stealer of destinies.

With the great counselor as our guide and with our pens in our hand may we write the vision, record our history, and compose a new sound that will reverberate through the ranks of your people.

Awaken within us your purpose and release us to new levels of knowledge of you and your kingdom.

Holy Spirit, come, lead us in worship! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

- 2:10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.
- 2:11 The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- 2:12 So, Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
- 3:3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.
- 3:4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
- 3:5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."
- 3:6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- 3:7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
- 3:8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- 3:9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"
- 3:10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

- 3:11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
- 3:12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.
- 3:13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you.
- 3:14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Psalm 111 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 111:1 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 111:2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**
- 111:3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 111:4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- 111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 111:6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**
- 111:7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 111:8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- 111:9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.
- 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Ephesians 5:15-20

- 5:15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
- 5:16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
- 5:17 So, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- 5:18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
- 5:19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.
- 5:20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
- 6:52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
- 6:53 So, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- 6:54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
- 6:55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.
- 6:56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
- 6:57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
- 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

***You must shake your head in wonder at our ways,
Keeper of the Covenant.***

***How can we say we want wisdom,
when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways?***

***How can we claim to follow you,
when we walk the slippery roads of the world
not caring where they lead us?***

***How can we desire your great and steadfast love,
when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day?***

***How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people,
Perfect Wisdom?***

***Yet, that is exactly what you do:
and our greed turns to gratitude,
our pettiness to praise,
our tantrums to thanksgiving,
as hope and joy become our blessing
through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ, God sent redemption for all.

*In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.
In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation
to thirsty people.*

***We give thanks to God for everything:
forgiveness, hope, new life. Amen.***

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (A Statement of Faith of the UC of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

***to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

HYMN #395

Take Time to be Holy

OFFERING

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here David Cherwien

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, our time in this life is limited, and our days are numbered. Yet you have reminded us that if we are wise and use that time well, you have an eternity waiting for us that is beyond our imagining. Help us to focus on what we have, and what we can share, and how the gifts we offer this day can bless others until we are joined with them and your children give you their thanks and gratitude for the rest of eternity. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #451

Be Thou My Vision

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Rev. Kerry Purselle

We are grateful to have Rev. Kerry Purselle with us again to celebrate today's service. She is a retired minister from the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC. She is a second career minister; she worked in public schools in the Atlanta area in her first career. She attended Candler School of Theology at Emory and served churches in the North Georgia Conference before moving to Brevard where she served and continues to serve at First United Methodist Church Brevard. She and her husband, Dick, spent several years in an international appointment in Poland. She has served on numerous boards in Brevard including the Transylvania Christian Ministry. She has preached several times for us and it is a joy to welcome her again to Lake Toxaway UMC.

Welcome Student Scholars

*Please welcome **Rachel Owen** (virtually) to today's service. She is one of our LTUMC student scholarship recipients.*

Staying safe with the Delta variant

If you have been vaccinated you are free not wear your mask but feel free to if you want. If you have not been vaccinated, we ask you to please wear your mask. We are actively monitoring the Bishop's and Governor's advice.

Announcement Deadline

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please send your brief announcement via e-mail (no texts please) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday to Saunders at saunderv@hotmail.com

2 Outreach Opportunities

Feed the Haven

Thank you to the following volunteers who have signed up to feed those staying at The Haven.

Louis Spencer – August 15th, breakfast only for Sunday

John & Judy Lefler – October 3rd, breakfast only for Sunday

John & Char Holbrook – November 14th, breakfast only for Sunday

Contact: Fred Markert at 828-553-3303 or fredmarkert47@gmail.com.

Hygiene drive Aug. 1st – 22nd for T.C. Henderson Elementary School, Rosman Elementary School, Rosman Middle School & Rosman High School.

Suggested items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss, Hair brushes, Combs, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream (Male & Female). No feminine products needed at this time.

Contact: Fred Markert at 828-553-3303 or fredmarkert47@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour is after today's service in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for coffee hour after today's service to meet and see old new friends. Thank you to those of you who have signed up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. We still need sign-ups for 8/29 & future Sundays!

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jack Jeter, Sherry Minnich, Donna Parker, Mary Collins, Thomas Blackstock, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son, Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months. Especially for the tragic loss of Bess & Ted Wolfes; friends of Sherry Minnich.

Please pray for those about to have surgery, their recoveries and spouse/caregiver(s).

Please pray for our student scholars who are about to start their new semester/academic year 2021 -2021. We have prayer bookmarks with the students names we may pray for all year long.

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1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, There is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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FAITHFULNESS

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Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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