



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 22nd 2021

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Community Worship Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22nd

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/2B-JXuzuKzk>

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Hymn Douglas E. Wagner

GREETING

L: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

P: The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.

L: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

P: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.

L: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

P: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. AMEN.

HYMN #61

Come, Thou Almighty King

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43

- 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.
- 8:6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.
- 8:10 And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD,
- 8:11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.
- 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.
- 8:23 He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,
- 8:24 the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.
- 8:25 Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'
- 8:26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.
- 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!
- 8:28 Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today;
- 8:29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place.
- 8:30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.
- 8:41 "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name
- 8:42 --for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm--when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house,
- 8:43 then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84 (Please read responsively the bold text)

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

84:2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

84:3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

84:4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

84:5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

84:6 As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

84:9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Ephesians 6:10-20

6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

6:13 Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

6:14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

6:15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

6:16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

6:17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

6:19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69 (Please stand for the Gospel)

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."

6:59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

6:60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

6:61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

6:62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"

6:63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

6:64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

6:65 And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

6:66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

6:67 So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

6:69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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.)

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took

a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though you doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you, that will never fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven. AMEN!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #888 *(Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15 1-6 and Colossians 1 12-20)*

Leader:

*This is the good news
which we have received
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:*

People:

***Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.***

***We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.***

***Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things 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 #314

In the Garden

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. It is this battle that sends children to bed with empty bellies, while others have so much food it damages their health. It is the battle that imprisons those whose only crime is poverty, while those with more than they could ever spend lose sleep scheming how to get more. As we make our gifts to you this day, may we remember on your invitation to be generous givers. In the precious, loving name of 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 #369

Blessed Assurance

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm Douglas E. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar

The arrangement on the altar is from John and Judy Lefler in celebration of their 53rd anniversary.

Welcome Student Scholars

Please welcome Peyton McCall and Molly Cammack(virtually) to today's service. They are 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

Outreach Thanks YOU

Thank you to the following volunteers who 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

Thank you for everyone who brought items for the hygiene drive.

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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Come, Thou Almighty King

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1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise! Fa - ther all
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

WORDS: Anon.
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
 664.6664

Alt. tune: AMERICA

In the Garden
(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

Refrain
 the Son of God dis - clos - es.
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)
 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

GARDEN
 89.557 with Refrain

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Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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ASSURANCE

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

this is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.