



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, August 8th, 2021*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 8th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/y4XzZLQUfjA>**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee    arr. Dale Wood

**GREETING**

*Jesus is the Living Bread that came down from heaven.*

***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.***

*Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." (John 6:56)*

***His words are spirit and they are life! (John 6:63)***

*Jesus is the Living Bread that came down from heaven.*

***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.***

*We are what we eat. You feed us, O God.*

***We come hungry for the food that only God supplies. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed us 'til we want no more.***

**HYMN #103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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**OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)***

***Lord, you described yourself to us as the Bread of Life. You told us that whoever comes to you will never be hungry or thirsty. If we eat of your bread, Lord, not only will we not hunger or thirst we will have eternal life. As we come to you on this Sunday in Pentecost, we declare our faith and belief in you. Lord, we yearn for your bread and the eternal life that we can have only through you. We pray that we will be like the disciples and wait patiently for you, living our lives in love and fellowship with our neighbors, just as you taught us. We declare our love for you and our faith and trust in you. We ask that you rain down upon us, as you did upon your disciples. We ask that you continuously quench our thirst for you and comfort us when we allow the challenges of the world to steal our joy and keep us from hearing your voice. Thank you for all that comes from you and all that we find in you. We give you our love and praise in your name. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

- 18:5 The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.
- 18:6 So, the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.
- 18:7 The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.
- 18:8 The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.
- 18:9 Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.
- 18:15 And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.
- 18:31 Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you."
- 18:32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."
- 18:33 The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

### Psalm 130 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
- 130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**
- 130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**
- 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**
- 130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
- 130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

### **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

- 4:25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.
- 4:26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
- 4:27 and do not make room for the devil.
- 4:28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.
- 4:29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.
- 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.
- 4:31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,
- 4:32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- 5:1 Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,
- 5:2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **John 6:35, 41-51 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
- 6:41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."
- 6:42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"
- 6:43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves.
- 6:44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.
- 6:45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.
- 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.
- 6:47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.
- 6:48 I am the bread of life.
- 6:49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

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."

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

***P: Thanks be to God.***

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION #892**

***Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.***  
*(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

***Our heavenly Father,***  
***who by thy love hast made us,***  
***and through thy love has kept us,***  
***and in thy love wouldst make us perfect:***  
***We humbly confess that we have not loved thee***  
***with all our heart and soul and mind and strength,***  
***and that we have not loved one another***  
***as Christ hath loved us.***  
***Thy life is within our souls,***  
***but our selfishness hat hindered thee.***  
***We have not lived by faith.***  
***WE have resisted thy Spirit.***  
***We have neglected thine inspirations.***  
***Forgive what we have been;***  
***help us to amend what we are;***  
***and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be;***  
***that thou mayest come into the full glory of thy creation,***  
***in us and in all the people;***  
***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,*  
*that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*  
*If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,*  
*Jesus Christ the righteous;*  
*and his is the expiation for our sins,*  
*and not ours only*  
*but also for the sins of the whole world.*  
***Thanks be to God.***

### **HOMILY**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH #885 (A Modern Affirmation)**

**Pastor:**

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

**Pastor and People**

***We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.***

***We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 #599**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

**OFFERING**

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

**OFFERTORY**

Meditation Robert Hebble

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Patient and Merciful God, we hear your call to live in love as Christ loved us and  
gave himself up for us. Our ears hear these words in our worship; our minds know  
what they mean; our hearts long to follow them; but we know that tomorrow we  
will be tempted to slip into the familiar life where we ourselves are at the center of***

***our world and the needs we focus on are almost entirely our own. In our giving this day, help us strengthen our resolve to love as Christ loves us, for it is in the name of Jesus that 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 #430**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee  
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## **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

All Creatures of Our God and King Hal H. Hopson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Welcome Student Scholars***

*Please welcome **Calee Lance and Amber Zogg and Kohner Miller (virtually)** to today's service. They are our LTUMC student scholarship recipients.*

### ***Flowers on the Altar***

*The arrangement was given by Stephen & Cynthia Wood in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.*

### ***Memorial Service for Jim Norris***

***Jim Norris's service is Tuesday, August 10th at 10:00 AM.***

### ***2 Outreach Opportunities:***

#### ***Feed the Haven***

*Thank you to Louise Spencer for volunteering to feed those staying at Haven the weekend of August 13th. We need a volunteer(s) for October 1st & November 12th to provide meals. Please contact Fred Markert at 828-553-3303 or [fredmarkert47@gmail.com](mailto:fredmarkert47@gmail.com).*

#### ***Hygiene drive 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.*

#### ***Outreach Update***

*The Outreach Committee learned the donation checks have been made to all eight global ministry partners of LTUMC.*

*The Outreach committee also purchased a new bed set and donated it to The Haven for a client who is transitioning to her own home. Thank you!*

***New Hospitality Chair***

*Nancee Salyer is our new Hospitality Chair. She will oversee the scheduling, reminding the hosts/hostesses for the upcoming coffee hour Nancee's contact information: Nancee Salyer 314-443-1017 (cell) or [nsalyer331@aol.com](mailto:nsalyer331@aol.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 future Sundays!*

**PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***Please pray for Sherry Minnich, Jack Jeter, Arlene Hendrix, 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 our student scholars who are about to start their new semester/academic year 2021 -2021. We have prayer bookmarks with the students names we can pray for all year long.***

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

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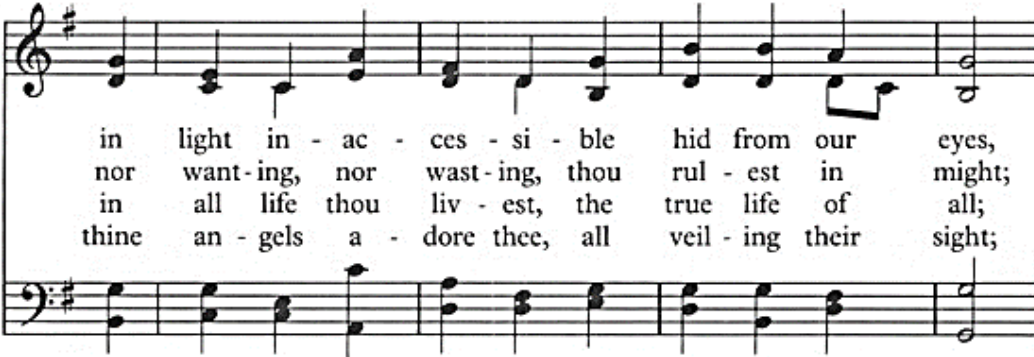
Liturgist: Drew Prusiecki



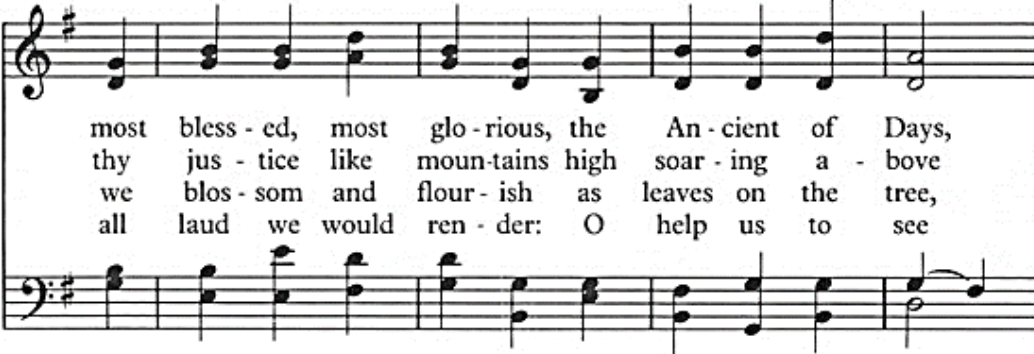
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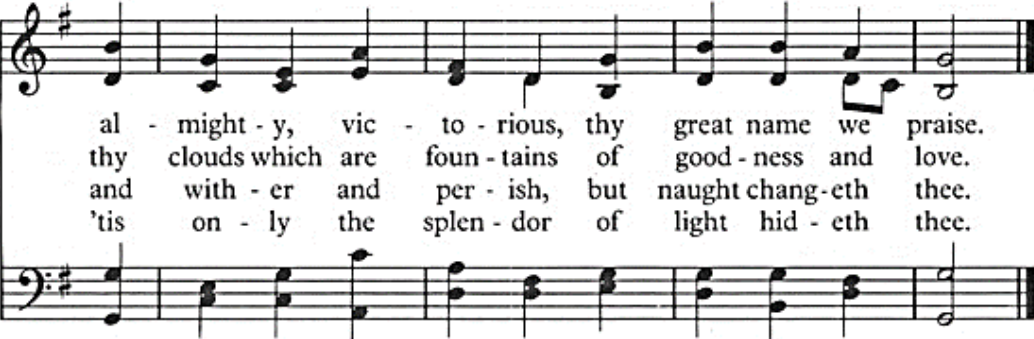
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canoidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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# Break Thou the Bread of Life

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1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;  
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;

be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;  
then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;

my spir - it pants for thee, O Liv - ing Word!  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

WORDS: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877  
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

BREAD OF LIFE  
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# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee in low - ly  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee in clos - er,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me Thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way; in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
Thou canst give, with Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879

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MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874