



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 12th 2021

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Community Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 12th

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

Two Early American Tunes arr. Don Hustad
Holy Manna and Beach Spring

GREETING

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

***We hear and proclaim our faith
in the one who brings life.***

*Let us worship the God of life and wisdom
whose words guide our life on the right paths.*

HYMN #145

Morning Has Broken

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 1:20-33

- 1:20 Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
- 1:21 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
- 1:22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
- 1:23 Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.
- 1:24 Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
- 1:25 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
- 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,
- 1:27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
- 1:28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
- 1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
- 1:30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
- 1:31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
- 1:32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
- 1:33 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Psalm 19 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
- 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
- 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- 19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

James 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

3:2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

3:4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

3:6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

3:7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

3:8 but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8:27-38 (Please stand for the Gospel)

8:27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

8:28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

- 8:29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."
- 8:30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
- 8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
- 8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
- 8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
- 8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
- 8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
- 8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
- 8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
- 8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.)

Father God, Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. The words of your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the cacophony of words and sounds. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those who listen to the words of wisdom will be secure and live in ease. Know that our God never ceases to reach out in love and forgiveness, guiding us on the path of life and righteousness, calling us to claim our true identity as disciples and beloved sons and daughters of the living God.

Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #882 (*The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 #463

Lord, Speak to Me
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OFFERTORY

Be Thou with Me J. S. Bach

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, 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 #415

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Robert J. Powell

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Flowers on the altar

The flower arrangement on the altar is from Don and Gerrie McSwain in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary today.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Friday, October 8th at 9:00 AM. If you are a member of the Council, you will receive a Zoom Invite. If you are not a member and would like to attend the meeting, please email Tom Blackstock or Saunders Grommesh as these meetings are open to all members, but only members have a vote if actions are required. You may e-mail Tom at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com or Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org .

Multiple Volunteer Opportunities:

Ushers needed – please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact John Shoemaker at 828-553-5754 or trestlegap@gmail.com

Coffee Hour – please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Nancee Salyer at nsalyer331@aol.com

Partners for Student Scholars – please reach out to Judy Lefler at judylefler1@gmail.com

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 guidance.

Announcement Deadline

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please send your brief announcement via [e-mail](mailto:saunderv@hotmail.com) (Please no texts as they are read and deleted) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday to Saunders at saunderv@hotmail.com

Outreach – Feeding those at The Haven

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 & Char Holbrook – October 3rd, breakfast only for Sunday

John & Judy Lefler – November 14th, breakfast only for Sunday

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Renee Alexander, John & Sue Thomas, Jack Jeter, Donna Parker, Mary Collins, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, 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.

Please pray for those about to have surgery, their recoveries and spouse/caregiver(s). Especially for Caleb Weingartz, a former employee at LTCC who had hand surgery but does not have insurance.

Please pray for our student scholars.

Please pray for students, families, teachers, bus drivers and the rest of the county schools' volunteers and administrative staff.

Please pray for Afghanistan and those recovering from Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Ida.

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Morning Has Broken

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Unison
C Am Dm G F C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am Em/G F Em Dm G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

C F C Am Dm/F

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)
 MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

CANONBURY
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Take Up Thy Cross

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1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst
 2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak
 3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy
 4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the
 spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy
 fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the
 death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
 cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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