



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 19th 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 19th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/FY7CbTWphq0>

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendelssohn arr. Janet Linker
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love arr. Robert J. Powell

GREETING

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

HYMN #73

O Worship the King

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

We draw near to you, O God,

Source of all understanding,

and ask you to draw near to us.

Teach us your wisdom from above,

that we may bear good fruit in our lives.

Root us beside the streams of your wisdom,

that the green leaves of our goodness,

fed by your insight,

may not wither. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-31

- 31:10 A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- 31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- 31:12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- 31:14 She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
- 31:15 She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.
- 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 31:17 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 31:19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 31:20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 31:21 She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- 31:22 She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 31:23 Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- 31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 31:28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
- 31:29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- 31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31:31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 1 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

- 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.
- 3:14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.
- 3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
- 3:16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
- 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
- 3:18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.
- 4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
- 4:2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
- 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
- 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
- 9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."
- 9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- 9:33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"
- 9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."
- 9:36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
- 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.)

God of the Gospel, the One who sends, the One who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather than straightforward, hypocritical rather than sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind. Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! God comes to those who welcome even a child in the name of Jesus.

People: We receive God when we receive Jesus and the children he loves.

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 #395

Take Time to be Holy
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Beach Spring" arr. Gilbert M. Martin

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, grant us the grace to be extravagant in the gifts we give to you. Help us be wise and just in how we live with the resources we keep. Guide us in the way to lives that bear the fruit that is pleasing to you: lives full of mercy and compassion. Free us from envy and selfish ambition that leads us away from you, that we might draw near to you. We pray in the love and hope that is Jesus, our Savior. 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 #581

Lord, Whose Love Though Humble Service
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Him in the Dance Douglas E. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar

The flower arrangement on the altar this morning is from the wedding of Lauren Elder Pettibon and Jon Pettibon, on September 18, 2021.

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.

Charge Conference Meeting

The Annual WNC UMC Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 10th at 3:30 PM. If you are interested in joining via Zoom please let Marcus know at marcus61dodson@gmail.com.

Outreach – Feeding those at The Haven

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

Louis Spencer – August 15th

John & Char Holbrook – October 3^d

John & Judy Lefler – November 14th

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son, Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Judy Lefler's friend, 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).

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.

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Liturgist: Scott Walter

O Worship the King

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1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833 (Ps. 104)
 MUSIC: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815

LYONS
 10.11.11

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.

581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know, and live.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

BEACH SPRING
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