



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 5, 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 5th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/Ffh5dDezBEQ>

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Prelude on "The Call"

Johann G. Walther
Douglas E. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

We can trust God.

God is like the mountain: rock solid.

God loves all the people:

the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

We can depend on God.

***God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,
and restores relationships.***

Praise our Loving God.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

HYMN #61

Come, Thou Almighty King

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OPENING PRAYER

Father God, like the immigrant woman at Tyre, we desperately need your healing presence. We know we are not worthy. We are like soiled rags. However, we know that with the power of your grace, you can make us as clean as fresh snow. Touch us, O God. Break down the walls we have placed around our hearts. Breathe a new breath upon us. Strengthen our resolve, so that we can do the work you have called for us to do. Help us tap into that fountain of living water that will quench our thirst. On this day, give us a word that will soften the hard-hearted. Show us your face and fill the tabernacle. Stir up a fire in our hearts like on the day of Pentecost. May that fire purify our hearts so that we shine like pure gold. Shake us until our

chains of bondage are loosened. Then, we can run and tell the world your story. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881 The Apostles' Creed)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Father God, we are convicted by our neglect and inaction. When the Spirit cried out, we ignored him. God, we ask that you give us a heavenly pardon. Sentence us to serve the people we are called to help. Strengthen our resolve and help us to allow your Spirit to move through us. From this day forward, we will uphold your laws of sharing hope and salvation with all humankind. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

- 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
- 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
- 22:8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- 22:9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- 22:22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- 22:23 for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Psalms 125 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 125:1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- 125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.**
- 125:3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.
- 125:4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.**
- 125:5 But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

- 2:1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2:2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- 2:3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"
- 2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
- 2:6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?

- 2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
- 2:8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- 2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
- 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.
- 2:11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
- 2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
- 2:13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.
- 2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?
- 2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,
- 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?
- 2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 7:24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,
- 7:25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
- 7:26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
- 7:27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
- 7:28 But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
- 7:29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter."
- 7:30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
- 7:31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

- 7:32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
- 7:33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
- 7:34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
- 7:35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- 7:36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- 7:37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes Emma Lou Diemer

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all good gifts, you have provided all that we need for full lives, and yet we don't stop there – we continue to fill our lives with things in an elusive search for security. As we bring gifts to you this day, remind us that only deeper faith will bring peace, and good works—caring for others through generous giving—will help us know the joy of full lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, who gave all out of love for all your children. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of

***your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN #438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Italian Hymn" Albert L. Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Ushers needed

We need your assistance with handing out bulletins at the beginning of the service and helping with communion at the first Sunday of the month. We welcome existing and new usher volunteers. Please sign up after the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact John Shoemaker at 828-553-5754 or trestlegap@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour needs volunteers

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to host an upcoming Sunday Coffee Hour. You may reach out to Nancee Salyer Hospitality Chair with any questions at Nancee Salyer 314-443-1017 (cell) or nsalyer331@aol.com.

Staying safe with the Delta variant

If you have been vaccinated you are free not to wear your mask but feel free to if you want. If you have not been vaccinated, we ask you wear your mask. We are actively monitoring the bishop's updates.

Partners wanted for Student Scholars

Our student scholars could use your help as they navigate their new chapter. Do you like to encourage and listen? If you are interested please contact Judy Lefler at judylefler1@gmail.com.

Announcement Deadline

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

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery and their caregiver(s).

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months.

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

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Liturgist: Rick Tranquilli

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 - reign

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

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

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Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

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la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
 boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with

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solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
 thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

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 WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749
 MUSIC (DUKE STREET, LM): John Hatton, 1793