



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service & Communion**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

Let us Break Bread Together    Raymond H. Haan

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand)*

*The God of glory awaits,  
welcoming us to worship and praise.  
The Christ of humility is here,  
welcoming our needs and prayers.  
The Spirit of love gathers us in,  
binding us together as one.*

**HYMN #157**

Jesus Shall Reign

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

*God of wondrous love and glorious deeds,  
shower us with your love  
and quench our thirst for grace.  
Strengthen us with your Spirit of power  
and embolden us to live our faith.  
Humble us with the example of Christ  
and remind us to regard one another  
as beloved children of God. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Exodus 17:1-7

- 17:1 From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 17:2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"
- 17:3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"
- 17:4 So, Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- 17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### **Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)**

- 78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- 78:3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**
- 78:4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
- 78:12 In the sight of their ancestors, he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**
- 78:13 He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
- 78:14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.**
- 78:15 He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- 78:16 He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

### **Philippians 2:1-13 (Epistle Reading)**

- 2:1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,
- 2:2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
- 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
- 2:4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
- 2:5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- 2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
- 2:7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
- 2:8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.
- 2:9 Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
- 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 2:11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
- 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **Matthew 21:23-32 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 21:23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
- 21:24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 21:25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'
- 21:26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."
- 21:27 So, they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

- 21:28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'
- 21:29 He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.
- 21:30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.
- 21:31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.
- 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

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

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (*The Apostles' Creed – Please stand*)**

***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.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated*)**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

***We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,  
but people find only hardened hearts.  
We would like to be transformed people,  
but our stubborn pride prevents us from kneeling before you.  
We long to stand with those who are in need,  
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.  
Forgive us, God who came down to us.  
Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.  
Split open our frozen hearts,  
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.  
Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,  
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior,  
into that kingdom of grace and hope. We pray in Jesus name, Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*This is the good news:  
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.  
You are forgiven, you are made new.*

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

## **OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY**

Dove of Peace      Gilbert Martin

## **DOXOLOGY #95**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.***

## HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #618

Let us Break Bread

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please be seated*)**

*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 #568**

Christ for the for the World We Sing  
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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 (Please be seated)**

Prelude in C Johann Krebs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Interment of Emil Gasperoni**

*Emil Gasperoni will be interred in the Memorial Garden after today's service and coffee hour.*

### **Administrative Council Meeting**

*The next Administrative Council meeting will be on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Location and time TBD.*

### **Annual Charge Conference**

*The annual WNC UMC Charge Conference is **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Etowah UMC.***



## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.***

***Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.***

***Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one.***

***Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff.***

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# Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners  
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from  
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72)  
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET  
LM

# 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 2. Let us  
 3. Let us

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me) 4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

*Fine*

O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

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# Christ for the World We Sing 568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to

Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott, 1869  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN  
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## Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)  
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD  
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