



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

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Community Worship Service
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 22nd

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

Partita on "St. Denio" Austin Lovelace

GREETING (*Please stand as you are able*)

We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

We are God's people! God's presence is among us!

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.

When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.

HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23

- 33:12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'
- 33:13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."
- 33:14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
- 33:15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.
- 33:16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."
- 33:17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."
- 33:18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."
- 33:19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
- 33:20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."
- 33:21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;
- 33:22 and while my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
- 33:23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 99:1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 99:2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**
- 99:4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 99:5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**
- 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 99:7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**

99:8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

99:9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Epistle Reading)

1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

1:2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons, we proved to be among you for your sake.

1:6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,

1:7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

1:8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

1:9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22 (Please stand for the Gospel)

22:15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

22:16 So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

22:17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

22:19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

22:20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

22:21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
22:22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not given you the things that are yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love you, ourselves, or our neighbors well. We ignore your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify you. We do not recognize your holy touch in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to live in love and peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*When we cry out to you, O God, you answer us.
You receive us, forgive us, and show us your love.*

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT 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.***

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 #170

O How I Love Jesus
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OFFERTORY

Pastorale Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY #95 *(Please be stand)*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty and righteous God, as we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, we confess we see ourselves in the stiff-necked Israelites in the wilderness. We are quick to lose sight of you, especially when our focus is turned in the direction of gold. Your anger and disappointment are so justified, and as Moses intervened for the Israelites, Jesus has advocated for us with his very life. Help us to keep our focus as you light the pathway you would have us walk. We pray this with gratitude for your love and in the name of your son, our savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

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 #400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Scott Walter & Nancee Salyer in loving memory of their mothers Maria Walter and Burlah Salyer.***

Building Committee Update

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped pack the Fellowship Hall last Friday. Our old appliances, tables, chairs, books, and artificial flowers have all been donated to our partner agencies and other local churches. We have all the permits required to get started. J Davis, our construction company came onsite this past Monday, 10/16, and had a local tree removal company removed the required trees. There is a large dumpster & port-a-potty on site but our existing bathroom is still usable during our church service. J Davis is planning on keeping our current restroom available to us by keeping a path cleared in the Fellowship Hall. **We received a thank you note for donated items from God's Way Church & Food Bank. Pictures of construction updates will be published on our website under the Building Update tab in the days to come.**

Offsite Coffee Hour November 5th

Jon Finstrom & Brenda Morris are hosting a coffee hour at their home after church on Sunday, November 5th. Details to follow closer to the date.

Flower Sign-up calendar

The sign-up calendar for flowers is currently filled for the rest of the year. Thank you to everyone who signed up. Flowers have been updated on our website calendar.

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.

Please continue to our partner agencies and especially for The Haven, a homeless shelter for both individuals and families in Brevard.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

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 *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
 3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855
 MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody

O HOW I LOVE JESUS
 CM with Refrain

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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