



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 19th

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

Come, Ye Thankful People arr. Robert J. Powell

GREETING *(Please stand as you are able)*

*We lift up our eyes to you, O God,
longing for a glimpse of your grace.*

*We watch for you . . . and wait,
trying to keep awake and aware,
trying not to fall asleep,
trying not to miss your presence,
trying not to miss our very lives.*

*Today, we come to you awake—
clothed in faith, decked out in love,
wearing hope for all to see.*

*Come and meet us here, O God,
in your mercy and your grace.*

HYMN #694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

*Holy One, have mercy on us.
When we cannot take any more of this world,
we know we must turn to you.
When our souls have had their fill
of trouble and unease,
we seek your protection.
We come to you in faith and love,
in the hope of your salvation,
now and always. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judges 4:1-7

- 4:1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.
- 4:2 So, the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.
- 4:3 Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
- 4:4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.
- 4:5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.
- 4:6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.
- 4:7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 123 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 123:1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- 123:2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.**
- 123:3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 123:4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Epistle Reading)

- 5:1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
- 5:2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- 5:3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
- 5:4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
- 5:5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
- 5:6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
- 5:7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
- 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

- 5:9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
5:10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 25:14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
25:15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
25:16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
25:17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
25:18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
25:19 After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
25:20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
25:22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
25:24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
25:25 so, I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
25:26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
25:27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest.
25:28 So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
25:29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
25:30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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.)*

***Holy One, have mercy on us.
When we cannot take any more of this world,
we know we must turn to you.
When our souls have had their fill
of trouble and unease,
we seek your protection.
We come to you in faith and love,
in the hope of your salvation,
now and always. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*The God of mercy hears our prayers
and holds them close.
When we wander away into places of death and despair,
God is always ready to bring us back.
For no matter where we go or what we do,
we belong to God and God is there for us.
We belong to the one who clothes us in faith
and hope and love.
We are held so close in God's hand
that nothing can ever tear us away.*

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH ## 881 *(The Apostles' Creed – Please stand as able)*

***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.

HOLY BAPTISM of Harper Lynn Gutierrez Haraschak

HYMN #399

Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Give Thanks arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

Lord of peace and serenity, receive the gifts we bring this day as we present them in thankfulness and joy. We bring ourselves as our offering, that in living lives of truth, justice, honor, and excellence, we might please you and be worthy of your never-failing love and presence with us. Grateful that Christ and the Holy Spirit might dwell in us, we pray in Jesus' holy name. 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 #131

We Gather Together
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

This is My Father's World arr. Philip M. Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Baptism

We celebrate Harper Lynn's Baptism today. Her parents are Jenica Haraschak and Santiago Gutierrez. Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Liz Haraschak, active LTUMC members. Harper's paternal grandparents are Carmen Nibeyro and Mauricio Gutierrez. Harper's Uncle Ryan Haraschak and God Mother Kimberly Martin are also celebrating this special occasion with her today.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Joe and Liz Haraschak in honor of Harper Lynn Gutierrez Haraschak, their granddaughter.

Guest Musician

We welcome back Luke Norton as our guest trumpeter today. He played for us last Easter. He is a student at Western Carolina University. Thank you for sharing your talents with us Luke!

North Toxaway Baptist Church Invitation & Thank You

All family/friends are invited to the annual community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner at North Toxaway Baptist Church. This will be held in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, November 19th at 4:00 PM.** The food will be provided by the church, all you need to bring is yourself.

As in previous years, the **Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church** has partnered with us at NTBC to provide the resources needed to keep the food bank functioning. LTUMC provided the pies and gift cards included in the Thanksgiving distribution boxes. We are very grateful to them for their continued support.

Building Update

Tom Blackstock, the Building Committee Chair meets regularly with J Davis supervisor and has provided an update on our website. [Click here](#) for Tom's latest update.

Outreach Update

The Outreach Committee has provided three community partners: North Toxaway Baptist Food Bank, Gods Way Food Pantry in Balsam Grove and SAFE with pies, gift cards to Food Lion to purchase Thanksgiving Day food, and a few turkeys.

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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1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Héroid, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: 16th cent. Dutch melody; arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

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