



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 28th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Pentecost, May 28th

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

We Now Implore the Holy Spirit Dietrich Buxtehude

GREETING *(Please Stand)*

Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- 2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- 2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- 2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**
- 104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- 104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**
- 104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- 104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- 104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
- 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--**
- 104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
- 104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
- 104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (Epistle Reading)

- 12:3b No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
- 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
- 12:5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
- 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 12:8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
- 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- 12:11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
- 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- 12:13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20:19-23 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- 20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.)

Almighty God,

who sent the promised Holy Spirit

to fill disciples with willing faith:

We confess that we resist the work of your Spirit among us,

that we are slow to serve you

and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.

God, have mercy on us.

Forgive our divisions

and by your Spirit draw us together.

Create in us a desire to do your will

and be your faithful people

for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Holy Church, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 (*Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39*)

Leader:

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

People:

No,

***In all things we are more than conquerors
Through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! 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 #544

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's song arr. John Carter

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

God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. 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 #332

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on a Shape Note Tune James Boeringer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar:

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Bill and Sherry Minnich's wedding anniversary May 27.

Capital Campaign Pledge sheets & Thermometer

We have Capital Campaign pledge sheets in the bulletins in the sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall, online under the Capital Campaign Please look at our Capital Campaign tab on the website for the progress thermometer poster also located in the fellowship hall.

Memorial Services:

*A memorial service for **Ed Castle**, a long time LTUMC church member is scheduled for **Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 2 PM.***

*A memorial service for **Anne Vickery**, Saunders Grommesh's mother is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 2 PM.***

June Potluck/Covered Dish

*Our next potluck will be **Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your friends and neighbors to our Capital Campaign Q&A.*

Future potluck dates: 7/11/23, 8/8/23, 9/12/23, 10/10/23, 11/14/23, 12/12/23 (*subject to change).*

Sign-up Sheets in the Fellowship Hall

If you would like to volunteer as an usher, sign up to sponsor, bring food for a coffee hour after our Sunday service, or have flowers/plant on the altar please look at the sign-up sheets.

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. Especially for Sherry Minnich.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one. Especially for the Zimmerman family of Chad's passing on 5/25/23.

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

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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Liturgist: Carole Guffey

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LTUMC Pledge Card is at the end of the bulletin.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

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MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
Irr. with Refrain

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with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The upper staff maintains the melodic line, and the lower staff provides the harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

that we have been re-vived when we shall leave this place.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a final chord, and the lower staff provides a concluding accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

Like The Murmur of the Dove's Song

Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

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challenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush,
branches of the Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled,
cease-less voice of prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness,

like the new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
with the peace be - yond com-pare: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.

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Spirit of Faith, Come Down

1. Spir-it of faith, come down, re-veal the things of
 2. No one can tru-ly say that Je-sus is the
 3. O that the world might know the all-a-ton-ing
 4. In-spire the liv-ing faith (which who-so-e'er re-

4
 A A E7 F#m
 God, and make to us the God-head known, and
 Lord, un-less thou take the veil a-way and
 Lamb! Spir-it of faith, de-scend and show the
 ceive, the wit-ness in them-selves they have and

7
 E7 A E E A/E E A/E
 wit-ness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to ap-
 breathe the liv-ing Word. Then, on-ly then, we
 vir-tue of his name; the grace which all may
 con-scious-ly be-lieve), the faith that con-que-
 rs

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Spirit of Faith, Come Down

ply and give us eyes to see, who did for ev-ery
 10 feel our in-terest in his blood, and cry with joy un-
 find, the sav-ing power, im-part, and tes-ti-fy to
 11 all, and doth the moun-tain move, and saves who-e'er on

14
 D A/C# A E7 A
 sin-ner die hath sure-ly died for me.
 speak-a-ble, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
 hu-man-kind, and speak in ev-ery heart.
 Je-sus call, and per-fects them in love.



Capital Campaign Pledge for Fellowship Hall

Name of Contributor: *(please print)*

Pledge by Year: 2023 _____ 2024 _____ 2025 _____

I understand that my pledge is to be used for the construction of the new Fellowship Hall and is in addition to my normal contributions that go to LTUMC for operating costs and outreach programs.

Should the capital campaign overrun its target goal the additional funds will be used to replace balance sheet reserves used to fund Fellowship Hall construction.

Signature of Contributor

Date

As you prayerfully consider your pledge the following resources may be helpful:

If you have questions about the project and want to discuss, then ask the Chair of the Building Committee, Scott Walter. He can be contacted by email at scottnos@gmail.com or by phone at (314) 374-2969.

If you are considering various forms of a gift like appreciated assets, stocks, etc. and have questions, then contact John Lefler, Treasurer of LTUMC. John can be contacted by email at jdlefler013@gmail.com or by phone at (850) 830-6399.

You may return your pledge cards to the church in various ways. You can put it in the offering plate during any church service. *You can mail it to Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church, PO Box 83, Lake Toxaway, NC 28747 Attn: Capital Campaign.*

You can scan and email the form to Tom Blackstock, Administrative Council Chair, at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com. Or, you can give it to Marcus or any of the contacts listed on this card.

Upcoming Dates for the Campaign:

June 13, 2023 – Covered Dished Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 6pm – Project discussions with Q&A

June 24, 2023 – Commitment Sunday – All pledges will be received and blessed in the service
