



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 11th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg)

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

**PRELUDE**

My Shepherd will Supply My Need    John Carter

**GREETING *(Please Stand)***

*Come! Now is the time to worship!*

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*We gather today as people God calls to go and share the good news.*

***We gather as God's sent-out people.***

*We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives, our families, and our neighborhoods.*

***We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.***

*We gather to respond to God's grace as we continue on the path of discipleship.*

***We hear God's call and learn to say "yes" to God together.***

*We gather to again hear God's call to "Go!" as God commissions us to love God and neighbor in everything that we do.*

***We go knowing that as God's called, gathered, and sent-out people, we are not alone as we carry the weight of God's call into the world together. Amen.***

**HYMN #66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

***O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Genesis 12:1-9

- 12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
- 12:2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- 12:4 So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- 12:5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,
- 12:6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.
- 12:7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So, he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.
- 12:8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.
- 12:9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

### Psalm 33:1-12 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
- 33:2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**
- 33:3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 33:4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**
- 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- 33:6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**
- 33:7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
- 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**
- 33:9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**33:10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

33:11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**33:12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

**Romans 4:13-25 (Epistle Reading)**

4:13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

4:16 For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore, his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

9:10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

- 9:11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- 9:12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- 9:13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
- 9:18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
- 9:19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.
- 9:20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,
- 9:21 for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."
- 9:22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and instantly the woman was made well.
- 9:23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,
- 9:24 he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.
- 9:25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.
- 9:26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*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.)*

***God who loves us and calls us,***

***We confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives.***

***We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can.***

***Forgive us for all the times we say no--or nothing at all—to your call.***

***We confess that we value the false certainty of our own path over the uncertainty of journeying with you and one another on the path of discipleship.***

***Forgive us for all the ways we choose what we think we know over joining you in the holy unknown.***

***We confess that we value the calls of some over others, putting the paths of some up on pedestals while not recognizing the many who answer your call as quiet, behind-the-scenes disciples.***

***Forgive us for neglecting the beautiful and varied calls you place on each of our lives.***

***Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your love.***

***Amen.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*By the grace of God,  
our faith has made us well.*

*In the grace of Christ,  
our faith has led us home.*

*Through the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
our faith has made us whole.*

***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 #398**

Jesus Calls Us  
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## **OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

Jesus Calls Us. 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**

*God of eternity and God of the next moment: we offer our gifts today having heard your call through Jesus to follow. Remind us again this day that being a follower doesn't end at the offering plate. There is a weight to this call – one that demands we not only say "yes" to following but that we also say "no" to thousands of things that will lead us away from the discipleship path. Guide us that we might not wander off that road. In Christ, 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 #467**

Trust and Obey  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

The Heavens Declare    Benedetto Marcello

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar:**

*The flowers on the altar are given by Bob & Jean Merritt.*

### **Memorial Service:**

*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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).*

### **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 or in the Fellowship Hall for the progress thermometer poster.*

### **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.***

***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.***

## **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

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Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill: 828-884-3548

Liturgist: Stephen Wood

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***LTUMC Pledge Card is at the end of the bulletin.***



# 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy  
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,  
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)  
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA  
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

## Jesus Calls Us

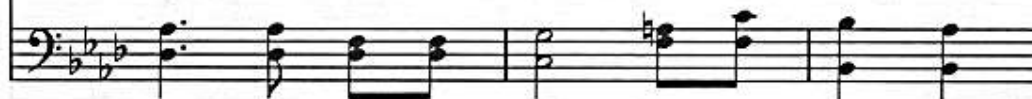
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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the  
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"  
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"  
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

GALILEE  
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SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

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Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,  
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love  
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!  
 but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;  
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay;  
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,  
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
 for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,  
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 but is blest if we trust and o - bey.  
 are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887 (1 Jn 1:7)  
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY  
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## Capital Campaign Pledge for Fellowship Hall

Name of Contributor: *(please print)*

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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.

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Signature of Contributor

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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