



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 25th**  
**Consecration of Pledges for Capital Campaign**

**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**

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee    Dale Wood

**GREETING *(Please Stand)***

*L: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!*

***P: We are grateful and thankful for all God’s blessings in our lives.***

*L: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.*

***P: We humbly praise God for such a gift!***

*L: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.*

***P: Praise be to God at all times and in all places! AMEN.***

**HYMN #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

***Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer  
and for your invitation to embrace abundant life.***

***Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die,  
as we rise with you to new life.***

***Inspire us to follow your lead,  
even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice  
in your name.***

***May our love for you be complete,  
as we share words and acts of compassion  
with a world that yearns for your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, the  
Christ. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Genesis 21:8-21

- 21:8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
- 21:9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.
- 21:10 So, she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."
- 21:11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.
- 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.
- 21:13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."
- 21:14 So, Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.
- 21:15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.
- 21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.
- 21:17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.
- 21:18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."
- 21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.
- 21:20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.
- 21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 86:1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 86:2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**
- 86:3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
- 86:4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

- 86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 86:6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**
- 86:7 In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me.
- 86:8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**
- 86:9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- 86:10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**
- 86:16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.
- 86:17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

**Romans 6:1b-11 (Epistle Reading)**

- 6:1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
- 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?
- 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- 6:4 Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.
- 6:7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.
- 6:8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- 6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6:10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 6:11 So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 10:24-39 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;  
10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!  
10:26 "So, have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.  
10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.  
10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.  
10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.  
10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.  
10:31 So, do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
10:32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;  
10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.  
10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.  
10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;  
10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

*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.)*

***Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life.***

***Free us to love as completely as you love.***

***Help us find our worth,***

***not by lifting ourselves above others,***

***but by accepting that we belong to you.***

***May our fulfillment be found,  
not in what we hold onto,  
but in what we freely give in your name.  
Free us, dear God, to live without fear,  
following wherever your Spirit leads.  
In the spirit of Christ's compassion, we pray. Amen.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*The one who frees us from selfishness  
fills us with God's selfless love.*

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

### **HOMILY**

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #885 (A Modern Affirmation)**

***Pastor:***

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

***Pastor and People***

***We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.***

***We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 #430**

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee  
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## **OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

O Rest in the Lord    Felix Mendelssohn    arr. Janet Linker

## **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 AND CONSECRATION**

***Good and gracious God, we recognize all life is a gift and a blessing. We thank you for your most generous love offered in Jesus.***

***Encourage us to be persons of honesty and integrity, worthy of proclaiming the Gospel in the sacred ministry of regular giving and "over and beyond" giving to the capital campaign for a new fellowship hall space and renovated space.***

***Help us always to reverence the sacred space of Your Church. Give us joyful spirits, an eagerness to engage others in the new space we have imagined. Unite us all in this vision and enable us with the ability to recognize generosity in even the smallest gift. Give us trusting hearts, knowing the fruits of our labors will be realized long after we are gone.***

***Give us strong, steadfast hearts in this process of building and renovation. Give us patience with inconvenience. Giving us trusting hearts, knowing the fruits of our labors will be realized long after we are gone. Give us faithful hearts, deeply committed to Christ and this community.***

***Let us feel your Presence so that we know we are never truly alone. Remind us always that what we do is in service to You and our brothers and sisters.***

***We consecrate our regular and our capital gifts, Holy Father, Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. To God be the glory! 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 #130

God Will Take Care of You  
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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Robert J. Powell

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*The flowers on the altar are given by Kay & Tom Blackstock in memory of their fathers' birthdays Marshall Teien and Scott Blackstock this week.*

### **Commitment Sunday for the Capital Campaign:**

*Today we are having the Consecration of Pledges for our Capital Campaign.*

### **LTUMC Name Tags:**

*We are ordering LTUMC name tags. These are available to EVERYONE attending our church. They are magnet backs and are very strong; they are not designed for anyone with medical devices. We can order a pin back. Please email Saunders with your preferred first name and last name and name tag style.*

### **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.*

### **July Potluck/Covered Dish**

*Our next potluck will be **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your friends and neighbors.*

### **Administrative Council Meeting**

*Our next Administrative Council meeting will be **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please e-mail Tom Blackstock at [tom.blackstock@gmail.com](mailto:tom.blackstock@gmail.com) with questions.*

### **Audio-Visual (AV) Volunteers needed to help with the weekly livestream**

*We have many participating in our Sunday services either live or watching later at your convenience. We are averaging 45 weekly views (~ double that for couples). If you would like to help with the livestream, please contact Marcus at [marcus61dodson@gmail.com](mailto:marcus61dodson@gmail.com).*



## **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 Liz & Joe Haraschak for Harper Lynn, their new granddaughter, and Jenica, their daughter who is recovering from a C-section. Please also pray for Evan Grant, 19 year old son of Pastor Marcus's close hospital colleague, Sarah. He had a significant stroke last night; he was able to receive a clot busting drug within the 3 hour window and is recovering but continues to have some speech challenges. This young man has dealt with Type 1 Diabetes, so he is a trooper. Marcus went to be with them last night and is requesting prayers for testing to provide answers to the cause so future strokes can be prevented.***

***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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Liturgist: Scott Walter

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

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Christolm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS  
 11 10.11 10 with Refrain

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879  
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON  
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# 130 God Will Take Care of You

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;  
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
 3. All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;  
 4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.  
 when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.  
 noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.  
 lean, wea-ry one, up-on his breast, God will take care of you.

*Refrain*

God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904  
 MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1905

MARTIN  
 CM with Refrain



## 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 Date for the Campaign:**

**June 25, 2023** – Commitment Sunday – All pledges will be received and blessed in the service

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