



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2nd

9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Shaker Song arr. Robert J. Powell

INTRODUCTION of Rev. Tonya Hill

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand)*

L: Welcome to each and every one of you!

P: Thank you.

L: May the joy we have in our Lord Jesus Christ become your joy also.

P: We have found a welcoming presence in this house of the Lord.

L: Thanks be to God who has welcomed each one of us!

P: Let us extend that same loving welcome to others. AMEN.

HYMN #698

God of the Ages

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

***God of ages past and days yet to come,
journey with us today.***

***Journey with us all our days,
whether on treacherous paths or beside still waters.***

***Guide our steps to find solid ground,
that we may know the firm foundation
of your constant presence.***

***Open our minds to the blessings and miracles
we encounter along the way.***

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14

- 22:1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
- 22:2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."
- 22:3 So, Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.
- 22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.
- 22:5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."
- 22:6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So, the two of them walked on together.
- 22:7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
- 22:8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So, the two of them walked on together.
- 22:9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
- 22:10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.
- 22:11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
- 22:12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."
- 22:13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
- 22:14 So, Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Psalm 13 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

13:1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

13:2 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

13:3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

13:4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

13:5 But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

13:6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Romans 6:12-23 (Epistle Reading)

6:12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

6:13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

6:14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

6:15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

6:17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

6:18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

6:20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

6:21 So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

6:22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 10:40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
- 10:41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
- 10:42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (The Apostles' Creed – Please stand)

***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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***God of grace and God of glory,
show us with your mercy and forgiveness.
When we can't see the way forward,
be our navigation system.
When we make a wrong turn,
gently correct us.
When we neglect our health and wellness,
heal us with your love.
When we neglect or harm your world and its peoples,
reveal your righteousness and guidance,
that we may be forgiven and reconciled
with you and with your beloved creation.
Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*In Christ, we are set free.
We are reconciled through the power of love and grace.
Thanks be to God.*

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

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OFFERTORY

There is a Fountain arr. Sam Batt Owens

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God, you have poured down on us all manner of gifts and blessings; the ledger of our lives is so overwhelmed with your goodness that we struggle with how small our offerings to you seem in comparison. The gospel reminds us that not even the smallest act of mercy and compassion – a cup of cold water – will go unnoticed by you. Give us the eyes to see those in need, the ears to hear those who cry for justice, and the hearts to comfort those hurting and grieving. If we all were to offer a cup of cold water, the world would be flooded with compassion. We ask this in Christ, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #618

Let Us Break Bread Together
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please be seated*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #696

America the Beautiful
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save arr. Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pastor:

Please extend a warm welcome to **Rev. Tonya D. Hill**. She is the Chaplain of Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville.

LTUMC Name Tags:

We are ordering LTUMC name tags. These are available to EVERYONE attending our church. Please email Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org with your preferred first name and last name and name tag style.

July Potluck/Covered Dish

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

Administrative Council Meeting

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

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

We have many participating in our Sunday services either live or watching later at your convenience. If you would like to help with the livestream, please contact Marcus at 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 recovering from a stroke.

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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God of the Ages

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

WORDS: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
 MUSIC: George W. Warren, 1894

NATIONAL HYMN
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618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
(2. Let us) drink wine to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
(3. Let us) praise God to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 2. Let us
3. Let us

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me) 4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy if you please. (if you please)

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America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
 2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
 3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

WORDS: Katharine Lee Bates, 1904
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward, 1888

MATERNA
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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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