



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 27th, 2023

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Community Worship Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 27th

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

GREETING *(Please Stand)*

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God!

May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do.

Amen.

HYMN #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

***Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence
as we worship this day.***

***Bless us with your love
as we grow in love and mature faith.***

***Bless us with your guidance
as we give ourselves to you, to your church,
and to your work in the world. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 1:8-2:10

- 1:8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.
- 1:9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we.
- 1:10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."
- 1:11 Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.
- 1:12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.
- 1:13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites,
- 1:14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.
- 1:15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
- 1:16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."
- 1:17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.
- 1:18 So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?"
- 1:19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."
- 1:20 So, God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.
- 1:21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.
- 1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."
- 2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
- 2:2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.
- 2:3 When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
- 2:4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
- 2:5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.

- 2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.
- 2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
- 2:8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So, the girl went and called the child's mother.
- 2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So, the woman took the child and nursed it.
- 2:10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 124 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 124:1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel now say --
- 124:2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,**
- 124:3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 124:4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**
- 124:5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 124:6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
- 124:7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Romans 12:1-8 (Epistle Reading)

- 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
- 12:4 For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,
- 12:5 so, we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

- 12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
- 12:7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
- 12:8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
- 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- 16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.
- 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
- 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- 16:20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please be seated)

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (*The Nicene Creed*)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 #130

God Will Take Care of You
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OFFERTORY SOLO

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

*Ever-giving God, help us give as fully
to you and to your world
as you have given to us.
Transform our gifts with your love,
that they may become vessels
of your love for others.
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 #545

The Church's One Foundation
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Soloist

*Please welcome **Benjamin Czarnota** as our soloist today. He is a friend of Katherine and Jack Jeter from when he sang with Brevard Music Center 15 years ago. He has just completed his doctoral coursework in music at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, where he performed the role of Otto Frank in the world premiere of the opera ANNE FRANK. He is here with his dear wife, Emily and son Freddie.*

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Les & Penny Rue** in honor of their children and grandchildren. The Rues are celebrating their grandson's engagement this weekend.*

Welcome LTUMC Scholar

Please extend a warm welcome to **Jaida Ansari** is a rising sophomore at Lenoir–Rhyne University in Hickory, NC. She is currently undeclared but is leaning towards Criminal Justice and Law school later. Jaida is a student athlete where she runs track.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

We have new copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals for September, October and November at both entrances of the church and in the Fellowship Hall.

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee is happy to announce the start of the Fellowship Hall will begin after Labor Day. **Construction will not impact our Sunday service and coffee hour. Please come enjoy our service and stay for coffee hour to see the progress on the new Fellowship Hall.**

Gas Fund for Scholars

In the past a few parishioners reached out to the Scholarship committee saying they could not be a sponsor, but still wanted to help the scholars. With soaring gas prices, it was a nice surprise when the Scholarship committee was blessed with your generosity of making a designation to the gas fund for scholars. Gas cards were purchased helping the student scholars drive home and back to school with a little extra help. If you are interested in helping this year, please put "Gas fund for scholars" on the memo line. If you have any questions please contact **Bobbi Moore**, the Scholarship Chair at bbolden1@hotmail.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.

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 as they prepare for the next school year.

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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 - sored, 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

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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;

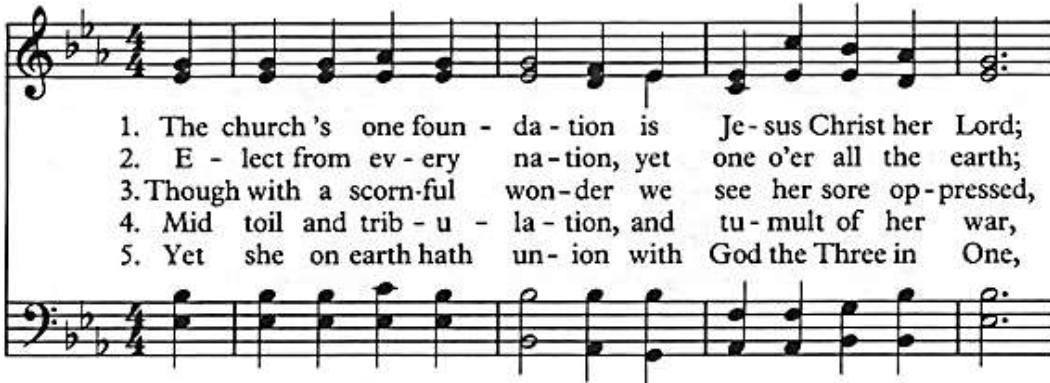
be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
 lean, wea-ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

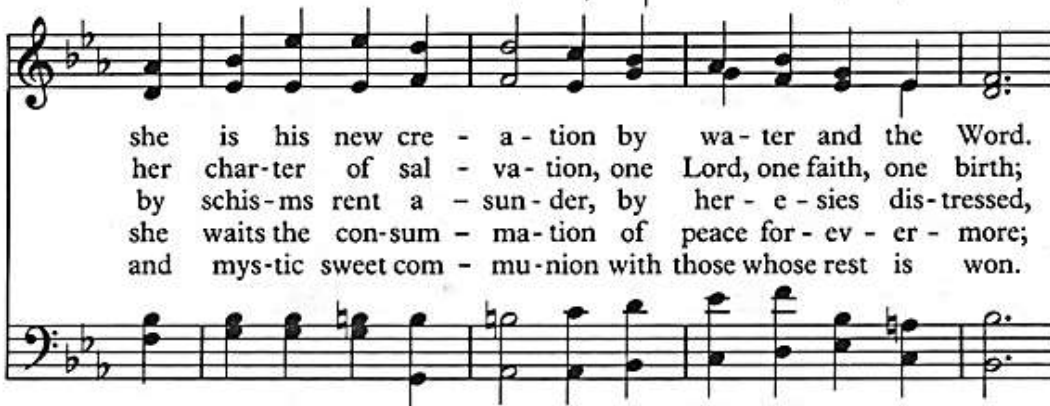
God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

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

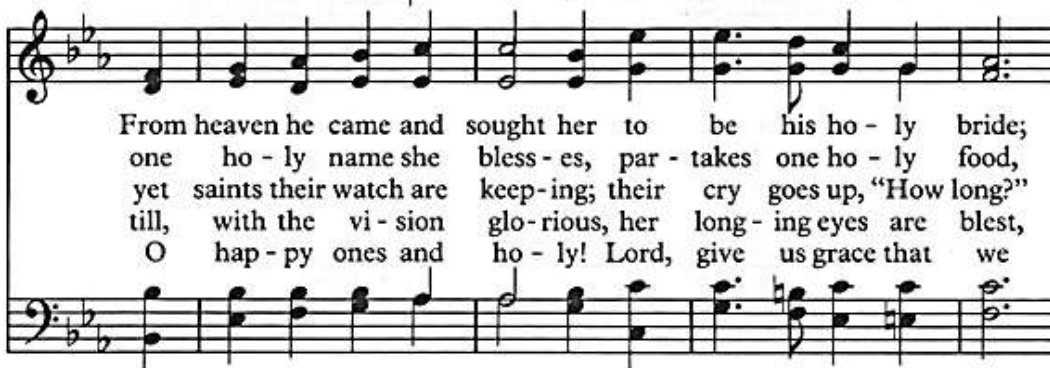
545 The Church's One Foundation



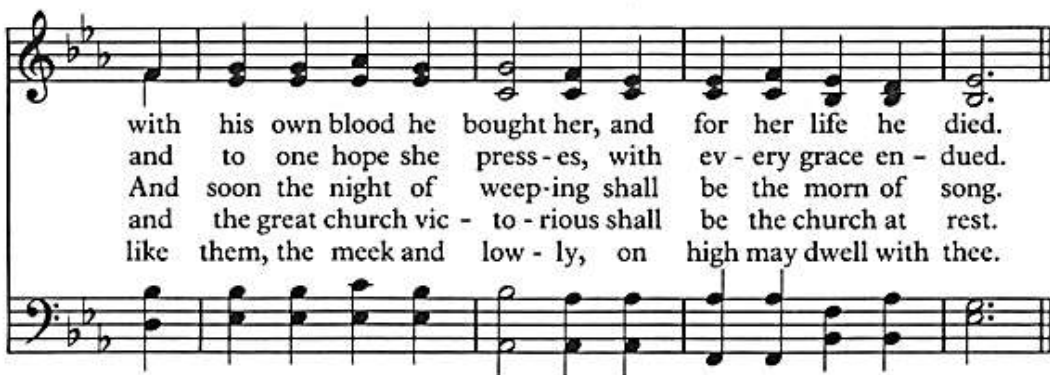
1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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