



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 6th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6th

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand)*

Beloved disciples, welcome. Some of us come weary and hungry, while others come rested and content. Still others come ready to wrestle with the questions that keep us up at night. No matter how you enter this space, we say,

Come, let us worship God together!

Together, we notice the fatigue we carry, the exhaustion that comes from our hunger for care and connection with one another and with God. Yet, when God says to feed one another, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, we feel the unrest and turmoil of grappling with the unknown, unsure whether we are fighting for everyone's wellbeing or merely our own stability. Yet, when God tells us to start by loving God and our neighbors, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, then, let us wrestle with our hungers that we may be transformed into people who seek and find God all around us, so that when God calls us to feed the hungry and struggle for those in need of help, we answer,

In you, we have everything. Use us as you will. Amen.

HYMN #64

Holy, Holy, Holy

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Patient and persistent God, we thank you for calling us here today. Keep our hearts and minds open for your words of transforming love.

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

- 32:22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
- 32:23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.
- 32:24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
- 32:25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
- 32:26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
- 32:27 So, he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
- 32:28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."
- 32:29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.
- 32:30 So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."
- 32:31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 17:1 Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- 17:2 From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**
- 17:3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
- 17:4 As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- 17:5 My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
- 17:6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

17:7 Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

17:15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Romans 9:1-5 (Epistle Reading)

9:1 I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--

9:2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

9:4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

9:5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21 (Please stand for the Gospel)

14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14:14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

14:15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

14:16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

14:17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

14:18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

14:19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

14:20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.)*

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you "pick us up and dust us off" and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel. AMEN.

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

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OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of power and glory, as we bring our tithes and offerings to be dedicated to the building of your kingdom here on earth, we are reminded of all the blessings we have received. As we hear again the story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger to receive his blessing, remind us that the best blessings come when we are working hard, breaking a sweat, getting our hands dirty working for justice, compassion, and mercy for all your children. Steer us away from being content with the blessings that require little effort. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #599

Break Thou the Bread of Life
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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 #454

Open My Eyes, That I Might See

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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)

OUTREACH & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Our Outreach committee supports our partner agencies in Transylvania County. The Scholarship committee is a subset of the Outreach committee. We are grateful to give 50% of we bring in back to Outreach through your generosity!

LTUMC PARTNER AGENCIES (10):

The Sharing House – located in Brevard - a source of compassion and crisis assistance for under-resourced neighbors with food, clothes etc.

Gods Way Food Pantry – located in Balsam Grove – provides food and fresh vegetables to families. Mentor those in gardening, and food preservation.

The Haven - provide respite for who are suddenly or unexpectedly fallen into homelessness or those who may be chronically homeless.

Cops for Kids (via the Transylvania County Sherriff's office) - A child is paired with an officer over breakfast and then shop for a gift for the child.

The Center for Women - Christ-centered ministry serving women facing unplanned pregnancies and/or parenting challenges. Provide not only free ultrasounds and support through pregnancy, but offer classes for families.

SAFE Inc. - prevent domestic and sexual abuse, support those affected, and increase awareness in the community. There is counseling, Stacey's House, a shelter, and outreach.

North Toxaway Baptist Church Food Bank - serves the Lake Toxaway, Sapphire and Quebec communities with food and household items twice a month.

The Bread of Life - provide nutritious meals in a safe and secure environment and to share our food with those in need in Transylvania County.

The Children's Center - partner with parents and a variety of agencies who work with children in Transylvania County to meet the goals of providing a safe, nurturing, and healthy home environment.

The Family Place - help families grow and strengthen relationships, encourage nurturing and emotional support within the home, and assist the development of social and emotional health.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

*We also support local students through four-year (or longer) scholarships or trade certification. If you are interested in being a partner (formally known as a sponsor/mentor) for a scholarship recipient, please reach out to Bobbie Moore at bbolden1@hotmail.com. **Please pray for our 2023 -2023** *Denotes Minnich Scholars*

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PEYTON MCCALL
CHESNEY PERRY

ELIZABETH ANN DAVES
ABRAM JUSTICE
CALLIE OWEN
EMMA REESE*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist:

Please extend a warm welcome to **Vinelle Davis**, our guest organist today.

Scholarship Partners

We have new scholars who need an adult to pray and be there for him/her as they further their advanced education or certification. If interested, please email Bobbi Moore at bbolden1@hotmail.com.

LTUMC Name Tags:

New name tags are on the small table in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to check for yours.

August Potluck/Covered Dish

Our next potluck will be **Tuesday, August 8th at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors.

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.

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Break Thou the Bread of Life

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1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes.

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics printed below the notes.

be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics printed below the notes.

my spir - it pants for thee, O Liv - ing Word!
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence, marked with a double bar line and a fermata. Lyrics are printed below the notes.

WORDS: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

BREAD OF LIFE
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454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

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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

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