



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 9th, 2022

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Community Worship Service
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 9th

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

Land of Rest arr. Robert Lau

GREETING (*Please stand*)

*Whether we live in a condo or a house;
if we reside in the suburbs or the city:*

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

*Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;
if we are young, old, insider, outcast:*

God says, "when you search for me, you will find me."

*Whether we have been wandering and lost;
or if we have lived in the same place for many years:*

***God says, "I will gather you from all your places
and bring you home."***

HYMN #57 (*Please remain standing*)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Awesome Creator:

***you bring us together in this sanctuary,
calling us from all those places***

where we live and work and play,

so we can recognize you

in faces lined with wisdom;

so we can hear you

in the questions of the smallest child;

so we can sit up and notice

all that you do in our midst.

Cradler of Grace:

***you speak your words,
so we might hear the sighs
of the outsiders of our world.
You walk the borderlands
of our joys and sorrows,
so we might embrace your healing.
You enter our hearts,
despite our best efforts
to close them to your presence.***

Enduring Spirit:

***when we are tempted
to imprison the good news
with our politics, our fears,
our prejudices, our doubts -
whisper that Word
which shatters all chains,
and sets us free to be God's people.***

***God in Community, Holy in One,
Guide our worship as an act of Praise to You, Holy Trinity. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

- 29:1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.
- 29:4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- 29:5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.
- 29:6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.
- 29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Psalm 66:1-12 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 66:1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
- 66:2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**
- 66:3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
- 66:4 All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah**
- 66:5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
- 66:6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,**
- 66:7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah
- 66:8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,**
- 66:9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
- 66:10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**
- 66:11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
- 66:12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (Epistle Reading)

- 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel,
- 2:9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.
- 2:10 Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
- 2:11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- 2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;
- 2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.
- 2:14 Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
- 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17:11-19 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 17:11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
- 17:12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,
- 17:13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- 17:14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.
- 17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
- 17:16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
- 17:17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"
- 17:18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
- 17:19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. Rejoice in God's love for you. AMEN.

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

HOMILY

BAPTISM of MAYA DOWNEY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (Nicene Creed) (Please stand)

*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 #175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
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Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Michael Burkhardt

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love and compassion, the need for your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in communities, in our countries, in our church, and in our world. We have endured much, and others have had to endure so much more. The apostle Paul reminds us that if we endure, we will reign with Jesus. May the gifts we give help all your children endure in these strange and challenging times. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #415

Take Up Thy Cross

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

O For a Thousand Tongues Alice Jordon

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Today's Baptism

We celebrate Maya Downey's Baptism today. Her parents are Haley and Christopher Downey and her maternal grandparents are Kay and Tom Blackstock, active LTUMC members. Maya's paternal grandparents are Carla and Glenn Downey.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar are given by Charlie & Jeanne Simon and Sandy & Craig Eyster in memory of all loved ones we have lost.

Administrative Council Meeting

*The next Administrative Council meeting will be **Friday, October 14th at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Tom Blackstock with questions.*

Are you interested in joining LTUMC?

If you are interested in joining our church please e-mail both Marcus Dodson, our pastor at marcus61dodson@gmail.com and Saunders Grommesh our church administrator at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org with your contact information.

Announcement Deadline

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please get it to Saunders before 5:00 PM Tuesday to ensure they are printed on time.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Dale and Leigh Ashman, Jacob Jones, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Lonnie Taylor, Ted Mullett, Suzanne Forsyth, Rachel Johnson, Lauren Usher, Russ Nulph and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.

We lift up those who are actively searching for employment and pray for perseverance for them.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one.

Please pray for our student scholars, local students, teachers and staff.

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
 *6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Alt. tune: RICHMOND

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; trans. by Edward Caswall, 1849
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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Take Up Thy Cross

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1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst
 2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak
 3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy
 4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the
 spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy
 fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the
 death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
 cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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