



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 19th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
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**RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.***

**PRELUDE**

Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Dan Miller

**GREETING**

*Come, Lord God, and be with us in this hour.  
Too often our cares and our worries keep us at a distance  
from our God.  
Come, Lord God, and speak a word of comfort  
to your troubled people.  
Help us hear you, Lord God, in the quietness  
of these moments.*

**HYMN #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

*Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
**AMEN.***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a**

- 19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.
- 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."
- 19:3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

- 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."
- 19:5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."
- 19:6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.
- 19:7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."
- 19:8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
- 19:9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- 19:10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."
- 19:11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;
- 19:12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
- 19:13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- 19:14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."
- 19:15a Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

**Isaiah 65:1-9** *(Please read the bold text)*

- 65:1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.**
- 65:2 I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
- 65:3 a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;**
- 65:4 who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

**65:5** who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

65:6 See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

**65:7** their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

65:8 Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

**65:9** I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

3:23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

3:24 Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

3:26 for in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith.

3:27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

3:28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **Luke 8:26-39 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

8:26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

8:27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

8:28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-

8:29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

8:30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

8:31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

8:32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

8:33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

- 8:34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.
- 8:35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.
- 8:36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.
- 8:37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
- 8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,
- 8:39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*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.)*

***Holy Father, life is sometimes like a giant spider web. We seem to get caught and entangled in its threads, not knowing which way to turn or how to extricate ourselves from the dilemmas in which we are trapped. Lord, you know that so many of these dilemmas and burdens are of our own creation, coming out of our stubbornness and fear. We find it much easier to turn our back on people in need, or just write a check and hope that the problems go away. Forgive us when we decide not to become involved in the solution, when we would rather back off from helping and turn and run for cover. Give us an extra measure of courage and strength along with your forgiving love, that we may again place our whole trust in you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.  
AMEN.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Let go of the demons that bind you in sorrow. Christ has broken those bands and reaches out in love for you. Receive God's loving blessings, for they are given especially for you. AMEN.*

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

***Thanks be to God!***

### **HOMILY**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH # STATEMENT OF FAITH #889 (1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16)**

Leader:

*There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.*

**People:**

***This saying is sure***

***and worthy of full acceptance:***

***That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.***

***Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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 #358**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
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**OFFERTORY**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Robert J. Powell

**DOXOLOGY**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*God of power and might, as we offer our gifts to you this morning, we remember how dependent we are on your love and mercy for every good and helpful thing in our lives. We affirm in our giving that all the money and possessions in the world cannot rescue us from the demons that torment and tug at us every day. When we've tried to fix things on our own, we have failed; when we put our trust in your loving power made known to us in Christ, we have found our lifeline. Dedicate these gifts and our lives, that we might not only find our way but lead others toward Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. 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 #129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Ebenezer" Paul Manz

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

*The arrangement on the altar for the month of June is from Bob and Jean Merritt in memory of loved ones lost.*

### **Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after our Service today**

*Please stop in the Fellowship Hall to meet new old friends over a cup of coffee. If you want to sign-up to bring something, please do so in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017***

### **Monthly Potluck/Covered Dish**

*Thank you to Tom Blackstock for cooking the wonderful BBQ and for everyone who brought a side to our June dinner. **Our next dinner will be July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.***

### **Administrative Council Meeting Rescheduled**

*The Administrative Council meeting is Friday, July 8th at 3:00 PM in person in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please may e-mail Tom at [tom.blackstock@gmail.com](mailto:tom.blackstock@gmail.com)*

### **Announcement Deadline Reminder**

*Please submit your announcements to Saunders by Tuesday at 5:00 PM in order to meet our print deadline.*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***Please pray for Dale and Leigh Ashman, Sherry Minnich's brother-in-law and sister, Jacob Jones, the nephew of John and Char Holbrook, Janet English, Dee Seropian, Marty Young, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert and Frank Hardin.***

***Please pray for those having or had surgery and their recovery and especially for Joy Davis, Sandy Ferguson's neighbor.***

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

***Please pray for our student scholars over the summer.***

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***Hymns are located on the next few pages.***

# 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

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!

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. Chisholm, 1866-1960  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10, with Refrain

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# Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 358

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O  
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our  
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy  
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -  
 share with thee the si - lence of e -  
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered  
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.  
 ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

WORDS: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872  
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

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# Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
3. Leave to God's sov-ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead-fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.  
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy-ous day.  
so shalt thou, won-dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.  
and pub-lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard-ian care.



WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG  
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