



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 17th, 2022

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Community Worship Service
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 17th

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

Be Thou My Vision arr. Dale Wood

GREETING (*Please stand*)

Leader: Prophets, what do you see?

People: We see the many ways we distract ourselves.

Leader: What else do you see?

People: We see the good and the bad fruits we have produced.

Leader: What do you see today?

People: We witness and worship God today, grateful for love and forgiveness.

AMEN.

HYMN #98 (*Please remain standing*)

To God be the Glory

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***We come to your house
seeking your presence, O God.
For in the mystery of our universe,
You created all things in heaven and on earth
and reconciled all things to you,
by and in Jesus Christ.
So, we stand before You
steadfast in the hope
promised by our brother, Jesus. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Amos 8:1-12

- 8:1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me--a basket of summer fruit.
- 8:2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.
- 8:3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"
- 8:4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
- 8:5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,
- 8:6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
- 8:7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds.
- 8:8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
- 8:9 On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.
- 8:10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.
- 8:11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.
- 8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Psalms 52 (Please read the bold text)

- 52:1 Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long**
- 52:2 you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.
- 52:3 You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah**
- 52:4 You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.
- 52:5 But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah**
- 52:6 The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,
- 52:7 "See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"**
- 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
- 52:9 I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

Colossians 1:15-28 (Epistle Reading)

- 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.
1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
1:21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
1:22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--
1:23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.
1:24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.
1:25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
1:26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.
1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
1:28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10:38-42 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 10:38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
10:39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.
10:40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."
10:41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
10:42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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.)*

***O God,
we lead busy lives.
Just coming to church on Sunday mornings
often seems like a sacrifice.
There's so much to do,
so much to worry about.
We read about being an olive tree
planted in your house, green and flourishing,
under the care of your presence.
Yet, our roots feel planted most anywhere else:
in our duties; in our business relationships;
in our family plans; in our volunteer commitments;
in our efforts to make it in this world.
When we forget who we are,
when the soil of our lives becomes barren,
plant our roots in your goodness and wisdom,
that we may welcome you into our lives.
Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
Claim the hope promised by the good news:
God welcomes all to this house,
even those who have been estranged from God!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.*

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.***

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (United Church of Canada) (Please stand)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

*to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.*

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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 #451

Be Thou My Vision

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OFFERING

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Morning Has Broken" John Behnke

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of all wisdom and patience, what would it mean if we asked you to dedicate not only the gifts we give to the church, but all the rest that we keep, that we hold back. What if we lived as those whose every dollar, every talent, every hour was dedicated to making kindness, mercy, and justice the norm and not the exception? What would it mean if we really saw the places where indifference causes pain, hardship, and harm to souls, bodies, and creation itself? Help us to make this more than a hypothetical, but the reality of an offering of our whole being. We pray in the name of the One who gave his whole self for our redemption. 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 #545

The Church's One Foundation
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Trumpet Tune William Boyce

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Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy and John Lefler.

LTUMC Name Tags

We have name tags available in the Fellowship Hall before and after the service. Please e-mail Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org if you need to order one.

Summer Ushers Needed

What an exciting time to see the pews full again for the summer. You do not need to light the candles. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Our next dinner will be August 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Building Committee Update

*The latest Building Committee updates including drawings are available on our website and on the LTUMC app. <https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/building-committee>
If you have questions please reach out to Scott Walter, the Building Committee Chair at 314-374-2969 or scotlaw@aol.com.*

LTUMC App is available

Please download our Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church from either the Apple App Store or the Google Store from one of the links below.

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Google Store link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app.laketoxawayumc>

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 Beverly and Paul Goree, Sue Thomas, Dale and Leigh Ashman, Jacob Jones, Janet English, Dee Seropian, Marty Young, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Lonnie Taylor, Jeff Tilley, Nancy Schubert and Frank Hardin.

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

Special prayers for Emmett Giordano, the Giordanos new grandson who is in the neonatal intensive care unit.

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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Liturgist: Bobbi & Stan Moore

Hymns are located on the next few pages.

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1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,
 praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

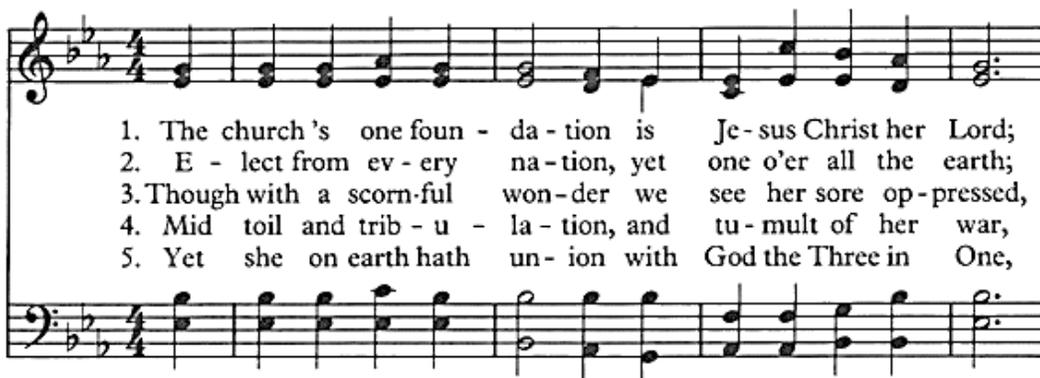
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

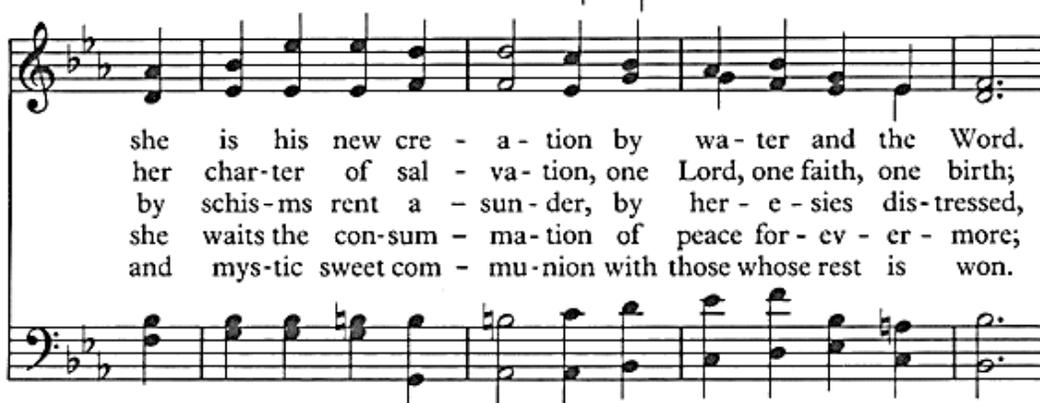
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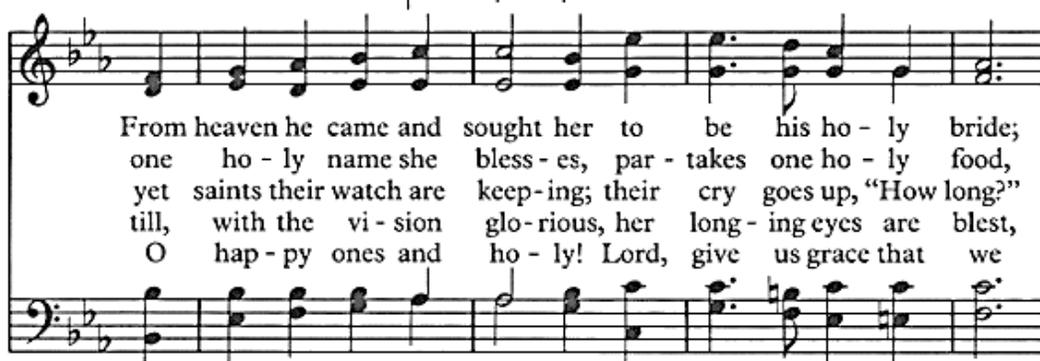
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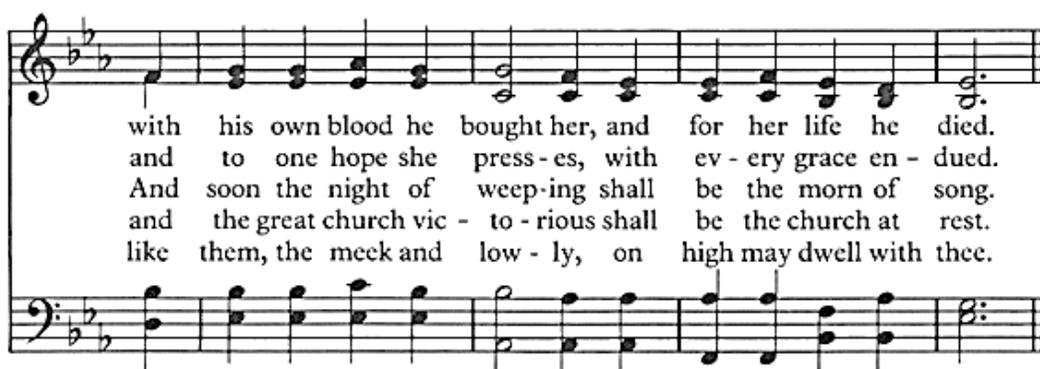
1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion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