



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 24th**

**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**

Seek Ye First arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**GREETING (*Please stand*)**

*Leader: Children of the Living God!*

***People: God loves us with the love of a parent.***

*Leader: Children of the Living God!*

***People: Despite our failings, God continues to save us.***

*Leader: Children of the Living God!*

***People: We are here to worship the God of love, justice, and grace.***

***AMEN.***

**HYMN #139 (*Please remain standing*)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

***God, Our Father,***

***There are moments we feel as though we are separated from you, times where we have chosen our own agendas over you. As we gather to worship today, remind us that despite our wandering souls, you are still "home" to us. Thank you, nurturing God, for welcoming us into this space today. Amen.***

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS** *(Please remain seated)*

### **Hosea 1:2-10**

- 1:2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."
- 1:3 So, he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
- 1:4 And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
- 1:5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."
- 1:6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.
- 1:7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."
- 1:8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.
- 1:9 Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."
- 1:10 Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

### **Psalms 85** *(Please read the bold text)*

- 85:1 LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 85:2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**  
**Selah**
- 85:3 You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- 85:4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.**
- 85:5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 85:6 Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 85:7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- 85:8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**
- 85:9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**85:10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

85:11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**85:12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

85:13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

**Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) (Epistle Reading)**

2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

2:11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

2:12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

2:13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

2:14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

2:16 Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths.

2:17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

2:18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,

2:19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

**Luke 11:1-13 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."
- 11:2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
- 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.
- 11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."
- 11:5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;
- 11:6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'
- 11:7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'
- 11:8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
- 11:9 "So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
- 11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
- 11:11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?
- 11:12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?
- 11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

***P: Thanks be to God.***

**SOLO** Give Me Jesus arr. Moses Hogan

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

***God of Salvation,***

***We are grateful for the gift of your love.***

***A love that has no bounds, a love that keeps reaching out to us, calling us to you.***

***We are more than your people ... we are your beloved children.  
You reiterate throughout scripture your readiness to hear us when we pray to you.  
God, you are our Loving Parent.  
God, you are our family.  
God, you care for us and love us in ways we cannot comprehend.  
Forgive us when we forget how much you love us.  
Forgive us for times we are unfaithful to you, times we fail to do as you've called.  
God, thank you for loving us in the most sacred and scandalous ways.  
You are God, and we trust that you journey with us in all things.  
Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice! AMEN.*

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

## **HOMILY**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The 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 #405**

Seek Ye First

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**OFFERTORY SOLO**

Prayer of St. Francis    Allen Pote

**DOXOLOGY** *(Please stand)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Compassionate God, you know us in every step of our lives and in every misstep. We all have stories that we tell with pride and those we would hide and long to forget – but you know them all. We bring our gifts to you this day, knowing that your love is not dependent on our best moments but on how we have persevered in finding the discipleship path after we have fallen short. May our gifts and our lives themselves be a witness to your relentless love. We pray in the holy name of Christ, 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 #463**

Lord, Speak to Me

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please be seated)*

I Will Go in the Strength of the Lord    Douglas E. Wagner

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today's Soloist**

We welcome again today **Doug Grimm** as our guest soloist. Doug is a graduate of Brevard High School and recently graduated from UNC-G with a degree in vocal performance and arts management. This summer he is working in the offices at Brevard Music Center. Doug is going to Ohio State University this fall and pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are given by Paula & Fred Markert.

### **Building Committee Meeting**

The Building Committee will be meeting Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact **Scott Walter** if needed at [scotlaw@aol.com](mailto:scotlaw@aol.com).

### **Multiple Sign-Up Sheets**

We have a Summer Ushers, Flowers for the Altar & Coffee Hour sign-up sheets are 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. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please -reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017**

### **LTUMC Name Tags**

Name tags are for anyone attending LTUMC regardless of membership or time here. Please e-mail Saunders at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org) if you need to order one and state if you need a magnetic or pin backing.

### **Next Covered Dish/Potluck**

Our next potluck/covered dish will be **Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.**

### **LTUMC App is available**

You may download our Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church app from either the Apple App Store or the Google Store.

### **LTUMC Building Committee Updates**

Please check our website for the Building Committee updates:  
<https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/building-committee>

### **Student Scholar:**

We welcome **Abram Justice and his mother** today to our service. **Abram is a student scholar who is going to UNC Pembroke to major in Art Education.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

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

***Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. Especially for Suzanne Forsyth and Rachel Johnson.***

***Prayers of thanksgiving for Emmett Giordano, the Giordano's new grandson who is out of the NICU and is home. Please continue to pray.***

***We lift up both Emilee Dodson and David Miller 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 as they prepare to start classes.***

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Soloist: Doug Grimm

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

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty, the King of cre - a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -  
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw  
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -  
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - mighty can  
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?  
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

# Seek Ye First

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D            F#m            G            D            G  
*Al* - le - lu - ia, *Al* -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his  
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D            Em7            A7            D            F#m  
*le* - lu - ia, *Al* - le

right - eous - ness,                      and all these things shall be  
 ye shall find;                              knock, and the door shall be

G            D            G            D            A7sus    A7            D  
*lu* - ia, *Al* - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)  
 MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

SEEK YE  
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# Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -  
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so  
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a  
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.  
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.  
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)  
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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