



Lake Toxarway United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 3rd, 2022

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 3rd,2022**

**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

Holy Manna

Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand*)

God calls us to worship today.

We are here!

All are invited– the sick, the well, the believer, and the doubter.

We are here!

Wash us, O God! May we be cleansed by your holy love.

We are here! AMEN.

HYMN #698 (*Please remain standing*)

God of the Ages

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Beckoning God,

as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha,

move in our lives,

inviting us to journey to unknown territory,

to listen for your voice,

and to speak your prophetic word

in a world that does not want to hear.

empowered by your Spirit,

grant us the courage we need

to journey, trust, listen, speak,

and accept your commission

to be your faithful servant people. Amen.

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 (Please remain standing)

***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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***God of Grace and Glory,
We confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding our worth in our
status,
our demographic, or even our location.
Forgive us of our idolatry
Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above your love for us.
Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate rituals,
holding ourselves superior, simply due to our place of birth.
You, O God, are the source of our identity.
You, O God, call us to love our neighbor.
You, O God, challenge us to learn from one another.
You, O God, tell us to be different!
May we swim in your healing waters,
resting in the fullness of being children of God.
Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God's anger lasts but a moment,
but God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping may last the night,
but joy comes in the morning.
God takes off our sackcloth
and clothes us with joy.*

***Let us rejoice! We are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Please be seated)

2 Kings 5:1-14

- 5:1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.
- 5:2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.
- 5:3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."
- 5:4 So, Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.
- 5:5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.
- 5:6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."
- 5:7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."
- 5:8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."
- 5:9 So, Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.
- 5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."
- 5:11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!
- 5:12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

5:13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

5:14 So, he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Isaiah 66:10-14 *(Please read the bold text)*

66:10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her--

66:11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

66:12 For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

66:14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

6:1 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

6:3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

6:4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride.

6:5 For all must carry their own loads.

6:6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

6:7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

6:8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

6:9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

6:10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

6:11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!

6:12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised--only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

- 6:13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.
- 6:14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
- 6:15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!
- 6:16 As for those who will follow this rule--peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
- 10:2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
- 10:3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
- 10:4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
- 10:5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'
- 10:6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
- 10:7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.
- 10:8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;
- 10:9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'
- 10:10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,
- 10:11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'
- 10:16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."
- 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"
- 10:18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.
- 10:19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.
- 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Dove of Peace

Gilbert M. Martin

DOXOLOGY #95 (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God, we have read of the prophets of old, and how your power was often made known to them in small gestures or in a still small voice. We bring our gifts to you this day confessing that we have often missed (or dismissed) your miracles because they did not present themselves in dramatic, startling events or grand transformations. Give us eyes that are constantly on the lookout for the small and subtle ways you make your power and presence, love and mercy known to us! In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 #696 (Please stand)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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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)

God of the Ages

J. Wayne Kerr

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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 to order one.

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.

Next Covered Dish/Potluck

*Our next potluck/covered dish will be **Tuesday, July 5th at 6:00 PM.***

Administrative Council Meeting

*The Administrative Council meeting is **Friday, July 8th at 3:00 PM in person** in the Fellowship Hall. Questions: please e-mail Tom at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com.*

Building Committee Update

The latest Building Committee updates including drawings are available on our website and on the LTUMC app. 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

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

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 pray for our student scholars over the summer.

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Liturgist: Carole Guffey

Hymns are on the next several pages.

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God of the Ages

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo- ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

WORDS: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
MUSIC: George W. Warren, 1894

NATIONAL HYMN
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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet-ness
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as thou our

fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy face to
 all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou
 pen can show; the love of Je - sus, what it
 prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry

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

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America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
 2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
 3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

WORDS: Katharine Lee Bates, 1904
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward, 1888

MATERNA
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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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