



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 21st 2022

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Community Worship Service
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 21st

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee arr. Dale Wood

GREETING (*Please stand*)

*We have not come to a frightening mountain
or a scary place.*

We have no fear or trembling.

This is a heavenly place where angels dwell.

We have come to be the church.

*We have come to the mediator between God
and humankind: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

We come with reverence and awe.

HYMN #139 (*Please remain standing*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Come, dear Christ, into this house of worship and into every longing heart. Some who gather here need healing. Touch us and give us strength. Many feel confused by the news of the day. Quiet our minds and help us place our trust in you. Many of us doubt ourselves and question our purpose. Call us anew to be instruments of your grace for a world that yearns to know your peace. May our worship be pleasing to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

- 1:4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- 1:6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
- 1:7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.
- 1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
- 1:9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
- 1:10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalms 71:1-6 *(Please read the bold text)*

- 71:1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- 71:2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**
- 71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 71:4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**
- 71:5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- 71:6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Hebrews 12:18-29 *(Epistle Reading)*

- 12:18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
- 12:19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
- 12:20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")
- 12:21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")
- 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

- 12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
- 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 12:25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
- 12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."
- 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;
- 12:29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 13:10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 13:11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
- 13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."
- 13:13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.
- 13:14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."
- 13:15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"
- 13:16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"
- 13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 God,

You have created us with purpose.

***You have given each of us gifts and talents that we might use to
bring forth your kingdom to this earth!***

***We confess that we selfishly use our gifts for personal gain, forgetting that
they, too,
are a means of tithing.***

***You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to help your children
across the world—***

the poor, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed.

How beautiful a gift you have given us! Forgive us when we forget to share it.

***As you did for the prophet Jeremiah, put your hand to our mouths,
our hands, our feet, our minds... all the different parts of us
so that we may speak,***

***act, write, teach, comfort, and share
your good news!***

***May our magnificently different voices carry the incredible message of your love,
redemption, and grace.***

We are called to be prophets!

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we have failed time and time again to be God's people, yet God heals and forgives us. God is with us always, ready to lift and guide our lives. Place your life and your cares in God's loving presence. AMEN.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #885 (A Modern Affirmation) (Please stand)

Pastor:

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

Pastor and People

***We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.***

***We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 #382

Have Thine Own Way
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OFFERTORY

Be Thou with Me J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God, bringing our tithes and offerings to you today, we pray over them and sing your praises. Then we slink back into our day-to-day lives, hoping those gifts meet the expectations of our discipleship. You have called us to more – to speak for you, to make our testimony part of our offering, which terrifies us. Then scripture reminds us that you will provide us with the words. Give us the faith and courage to speak of your love, mercy, and compassion. In Jesus' name, 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 #529

How Firm A Foundation

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann G. Walther

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Flowers on the Altar

The plant on the altar is from Don & Carole Guffey in thanks of Matt & Saunders Grommesh for their service to our congregation and our community.

Scholarship Sponsors Needed

If you are interested in being a sponsor for our scholars for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact Bobbi Moore at bbolden1@hotmail.com.

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. Please -reach out to Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017

Our Daily Bread

The next Our Daily Bread devotionals (September -November) are located at both entrances of the sanctuary & in the Fellowship Hall.

Multiple Sign-Up Sheets

We have sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for summer ushers, flowers for the Altar & coffee hour.

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 Beverly and Paul Goree, Dale and Leigh Ashman, Suzanne Forsyth, Rachel Johnson Sue Thomas, Jacob Jones, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Lauren Usher, Marty Young, Lonnie Taylor, Nancy Schubert 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. Especially for Cathie Fussell's nephew, Jeff Tilley who passed away on 8/18.

Please pray for our student scholars, students & teachers as they prepare to start classes.

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Hymns are located on the next few pages.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, 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 - might-y 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.

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Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

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How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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