



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 18th**

**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**

Blest Be the Tie Robert J. Powell

**GREETING (*Please stand*)**

*Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.*

***We gather to worship with joy and in hope.***

*Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.*

***We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.***

*Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.*

***We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.***

*Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.*

***We are here to worship with all that we are.***

**HYMN #158 (*Please remain standing*)**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

***God of grief,***

***you see our hurt and weep:***

***"O that my head were a spring of water,***

***and my eyes a fountain of tears."***

***Sometimes we share your grief,***

***and we despair.***

***Sometimes we are so used to the way things are,***

***that we scarcely notice.***

***But one day, one night, one morning,***

***maybe this morning—your pain, our pain,***

***our world's pain, hits us.***

***And we call out to you,***

***"Is there a balm in Gilead? Is there healing?"***

***Today we wait for your answer,***

***you who weep for us and with us. Amen.***

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

### **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

- 8:18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
- 8:19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")
- 8:20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."
- 8:21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
- 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
- 9:1 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

### **Psalms 79:1-9** *(Please read the bold text)*

- 79:1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.**
- 79:2 They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
- 79:3 They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.**
- 79:4 We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.
- 79:5 How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?**
- 79:6 Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.
- 79:7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.**
- 79:8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
- 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

### **1 Timothy 2:1-7** *(Epistle Reading)*

- 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
- 2:2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
- 2:3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
- 2:4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 2:5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
- 2:6 who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time.

2:7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Luke 16:1-13 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 16:1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.
- 16:2 So, he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
- 16:3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
- 16:4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
- 16:5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 16:6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
- 16:7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
- 16:8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.
- 16:9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
- 16:10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
- 16:11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
- 16:12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?
- 16:13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*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 want to have our cake and eat it, too:  
we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.  
Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."  
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:  
help us to seek your kingdom first.  
Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,  
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.  
Help us also to remember that our best relationship  
is the one we have with you.  
Forgive us when we fail to remember your claim in our lives and hearts.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*"The wisdom from above is first pure,  
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,  
full of mercy and good fruits,  
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy" (James 3:17).*

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,  
and we are given a new way to live.  
Let us accept God's grace,  
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.***

## **HOMILY**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH #880** *(A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church)*  
*(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 #398**

Jesus Calls Us

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### **OFFERING**

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### **OFFERTORY**

Dearest Jesus, We are Here David Cherwien

### **DOXOLOGY (Please stand)**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never  
overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from  
your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to  
the bottom line of our ledger. Yet you manage your kingdom on a different  
economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion,  
mercy, and justice. You encourage us to be shrewd in the world's money,  
knowing it is not the currency that matters in the end. And so, we pray in the  
name of Jesus, whose life and death paid our debt. 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 #438**

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord  
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**BENEDICTION**

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

Let Them Praise His Name                      Douglas E. Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar**

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Chuck Crow's 85th birthday by his wife Mary.*

**Administrative Council Meeting**

*The next Administrative Council meeting will be **Friday, October 14th at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Tom Blackstock with questions.*

**Multiple Sign-Up Sheets**

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

**LTUMC Name tags & storage**

*There are many unclaimed name tags in Fellowship Hall and we may now leave our name tags in the existing name tag cabinet.*

**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 Dale and Leigh Ashman, Jacob Jones, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Lonnie Taylor, Ted Mullett, Suzanne Forsyth, Rachel Johnson, Lauren Usher, Russ Nulph and Frank Hardin.***

***Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. Especially for Joe Winter, Arlene Hendrix's grandson.***

***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.***

***Please pray for our student scholars, local students, teachers and staff as they adjust to new beginnings.***

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# 158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet the Lord a-gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais-es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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SPANISH HYMN

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## Jesus Calls Us

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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



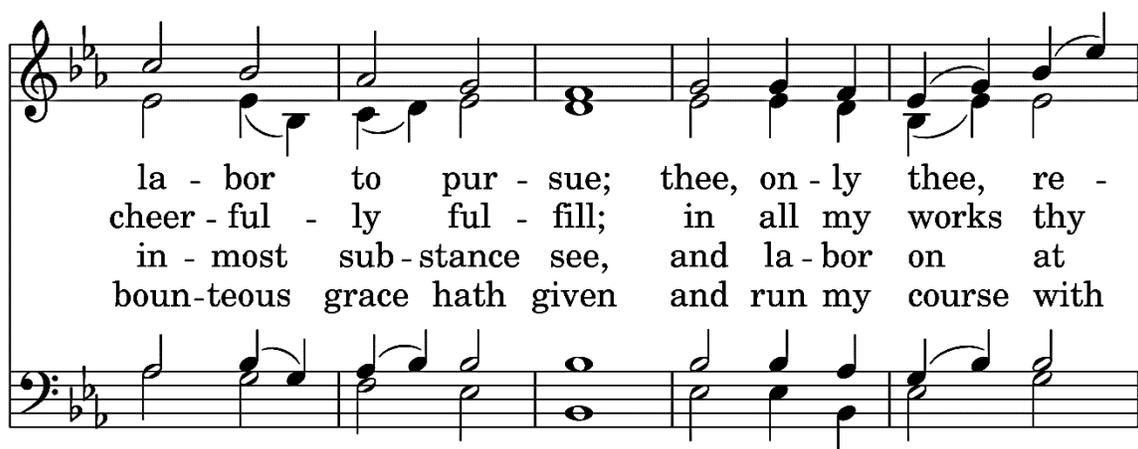
sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"  
cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"  
thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



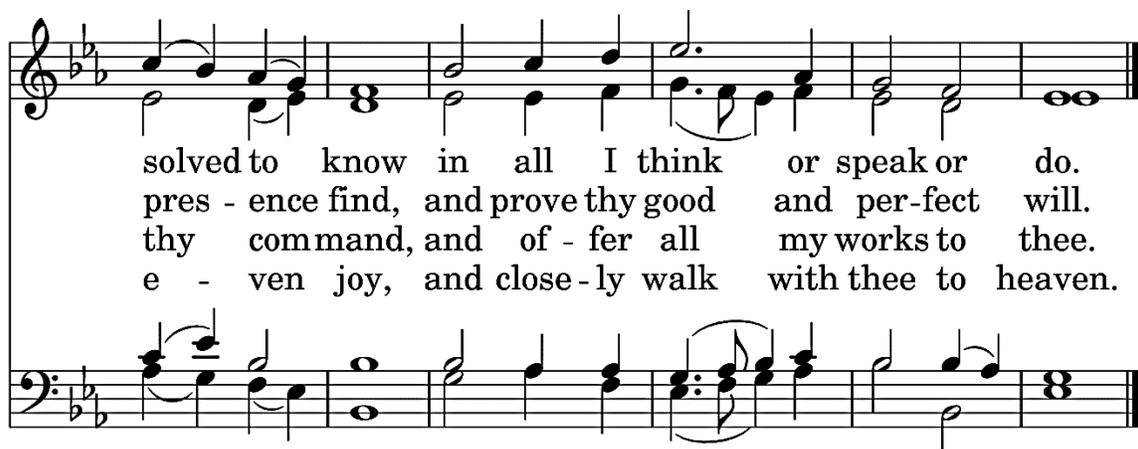
## Forth in Thy Name, O Lord



1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly  
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me  
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine  
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy



la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -  
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy  
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at  
 boun - teous grace hath given and run my course with



solved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.  
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.