



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 25th, 2022

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Community Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25th

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

Partita on "Fairest Lord Jesus" Richard Peek

GREETING (*Please stand*)

Sheltered by God,
we come now to worship.
Invited by Christ,
we come now to pray.
Welcomed by the Spirit,
we gather as the people of God.

HYMN #181 (*Please remain standing*)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Located in the back of the bulletin - (Printed w/ permission)

OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Almighty God,
you create, redeem and sustain us,
every moment of our lives.
In you we place our trust.
When we face illness, conflict, and fear,
you are our steadfast protector.
When we suffer setback and loss,
you restore us through your love.
When our lives prosper and we are comfortable,
you move us to share our blessings with others.
In times of hardship and plenty,
you alone are the source of the life
that really is life.
Holy God, in love and trust,
we live the power of your resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

- 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
- 32:2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,
- 32:3a where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.
- 32:6 Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me:
- 32:7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours."
- 32:8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.
- 32:9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.
- 32:10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.
- 32:11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;
- 32:12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.
- 32:13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,
- 32:14 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.
- 32:15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16 *(Please read the bold text)*

- 91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**
- 91:2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
- 91:3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;**
- 91:4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- 91:5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,**
- 91:6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

91:16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Epistle Reading)

- 6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
- 6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;
- 6:8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.
- 6:9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
- 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
- 6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
- 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- 6:13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you
- 6:14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 6:15 which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
- 6:16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
- 6:17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
- 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
- 6:19 thus, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.
- 16:20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,
- 16:21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.
- 16:22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.
- 16:23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

- 16:24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'
- 16:25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'
- 16:26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'
- 16:27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--
- 16:28 for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'
- 16:29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'
- 16:30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'
- 16:31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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.)*

***Triune God,
you call us to trust you
in every circumstance of our lives,
yet far too often,
we do not.
In times of oppression and strife,
we lose hope in our future.
When enduring natural disasters,
suffering illness, or facing death,
we often grow bitter and forget your love.
Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status,
we try in vain to control our lives.
Eager to be powerful and successful,
we wander away from you,
falling into the pain of addiction, greed,
and blind ambition.
Absorbed by our wants and desires,
we are blind to those around us who need our care.***

***Forgive us, O God.
Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear.
Turn our hearts to you,
that we may taste fullness of life
and trust your promised salvation.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God's loving presence never abandons us,
not even when we abandon God.
God delivers those who seek and love the Lord.
All we have to do is call, and God answers us.
God answers us with rescue and honor,
forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation.*

We call out to God and God answers us. Invited into the shelter of the Most High, we rejoice and greet one another with the reminder: In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 (Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39) (Please stand)

Leader:

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

People:

No,

***In all things we are more than conquerors
Through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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 #399

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated
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OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Beach Spring" Don Hustad

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of justice and mercy, we come to worship you this day as ones who, on the great balance scale of your creation, are more like the rich man in the Gospel story than we are Lazarus. The parable Jesus tells reminds us that the chasm between rich and poor is hard to cross in the life to come, but not so for us this day, as we strive to see God's kingdom at work in our world. As we offer gifts today, may we do so striving to be those blessed to be a blessing. In Christ's holy 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 #189

Fairest Lord Jesus
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Voluntary in C John Travers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar are given by Sue and Bobby Richardson in loving memory of their mothers.

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.*

Are you interested in joining LTUMC?

If you are interested in joining our church please e-mail both Marcus Dodson, our pastor at marcus61dodson@gmail.com and Saunders Grommesh our church administrator at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org with your contact information.

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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Ye Servants of God

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save,
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4. Then let us a - dore and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh, his pres - ence we have;
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might;

the name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

MESSIAH
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Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and all the twink - ling star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of Man!

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.