



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 4th, 2022

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Community Worship Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4th

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

Hymn Douglas E. Wagner

INTRODUCTION of Rev. Shelly Webb by Scott Walter

GREETING (*Please stand*)

L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

P: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

P: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

P: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. AMEN.

HYMN #98 (*Please remain standing*)

To God Be the Glory

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

God of power and mercy,

only with your help

can we offer you fitting service and praise.

May we live the faith we profess

and trust your promise of eternal life.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

- 18:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
18:2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."
18:3 So, I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.
18:4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
18:6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
18:7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
18:8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.
18:9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,
18:10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.
18:11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 *(Please read the bold text)*

- 139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

139:17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

139:18 I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways. You gave us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power, and majesty, and we have ravaged it - tearing away at its gifts with our own greed and cowardice. We have not treated this world or one another with compassionate love. We have turned our backs on situations of need in which we could have been instruments of help, healing, and peace. We have neglected service to others and have focused our lives on accumulating things and status. We have chased after false gods - greed, power, fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths. Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God's loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God's people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you. **AMEN.***

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH (#883 Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada) (Please stand)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

*to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.*

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #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.

HYMN #367

He Touched Me

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

OFFERTORY

Meditation Robert Hebble

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we've allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something which is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, 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 #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Robert J. Powell

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Please Welcome Rev. Shelly Webb Today

We are blessed and excited to have Rev. Shelly Webb celebrate our Sunday service with us for the third time this summer. Rev. Shelly Webb is a native of Hendersonville, NC and is a graduate of Wofford College (BA in Sociology) and Duke University Divinity School (MDiv). She is an ordained elder in WNC Conference of The United Methodist Church. She has served twelve years in local church pastorates in Davidson, Brevard and Asheville and served eight years in extension ministry as Chaplain to Brevard College.

Shelly currently serves the community as the Executive Director of Transylvania Christian Ministry, also known as Sharing House. Now in their 41th year, Sharing House is the largest comprehensive crisis assistance nonprofit, and works as a collaborative ministry of 34 supporting congregations of faith. Sharing House offers basic life necessities such as food, clothes, utility and rent assistance, empowerment programs and advocacy.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar are from Sandy Dillon in loving memory of Lyman Dillon, her husband.

John Thomas Service

*John Thomas' service will be **Sunday, September 11th, 2022 at 2:00 PM.***

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.

September Covered dish/Potluck.

*Our next covered dish/potluck will be **Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to introduce family, neighbors and friends to LTUMC.*

Multiple Sign-Up Sheets

We have sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for summer 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, Nancy Schubert, Lauren Usher, Russ Nulph and Frank Hardin.

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

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 the Fussells, the Jeters, the Gorees and Sue Thomas.

Please pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff as they have started classes.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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Liturgist: Scott Walter

Hymns are located on the next few pages.

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1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
 11.11.11.11. with Refrain

#367 He Touched Me

1. Shackled by a heavy burden neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know he touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know he touched me and made me whole.

Words and music by William J Gaither,
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384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL