



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church

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Community Worship Service
May 24, 2026



*We have the closed hearing loop system.
You may be able to turn your hearing device to the "T" setting.*

***To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service,
please observe silence during the prelude.***

Pentecost Sunday



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in C Major
(Moderato)

Giuseppe Tartini
(1692-1770)

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please respond with words in bold)*

The wind blows. The fire warms. We are ignited but not consumed.
What does this mean?

The Word is spoken. God's mighty deeds are proclaimed.

We can hear and understand like never before.

What can this mean?

It means that the Spirit of God comes to us as it will—
in wind, in flame, in Word.

It means that the Spirit of God is here among us now.

Let us receive it.

HYMN #332 Spirit of Faith, Come Down

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit God, you are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world. You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible. Fill us today with your Holy Spirit and claim us again as your holy church. Sweep through us and into our world to bring healing and hope, that all may share in the rich blessings of your creation and experience the power of your redeeming love. Transform us in our praying and in our living that we may act justly, love mercifully, and walk with you each and every day of our lives. Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 *The day of Pentecost*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound, the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 20:19-23 *Receive the Holy Spirit*
(Please stand as you are able.)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.)

Spirit of the Living God, you have come to us and shown us who you are, and yet we hide away in hesitation and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and careful. We confess our lack of courage, justified by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and to imagine the possibility of a world reconciled and made new. Let your Spirit fill us, moving us from complacency to joyful advocacy and compassion. Grant that we might be Christ's body, in part and as a whole, not in fits and starts, but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in bringing your vision and hope to life. Guide us and help us by your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ said before his ascension that he would be with us always and the Holy Spirit confirms this truth. Our God is a living God who comes to us again and again to restore and make new.

In the name of God--Creator, Christ and Spirit--we are known, forgiven and called. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HOMILY *Listen: Receive the Holy Spirit*

STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

GLORIA PATRI #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 #465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

OFFERTORY

Sonata in C Major
(Largo Andante)

Giuseppe Tartini

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DOXOLOGY #95

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of presence and power, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on your sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely with all who would receive them—gifts of truth, empathy, vision, and power that carry us beyond our limited ability. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or requirement, but in response to your boundless generosity to us. Use and multiply these offerings to fuel the faithful witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #539 O Spirit of the Living God

(Please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata in C Major
(Presto Assai)

Giuseppe Tartini

(Please be seated)

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Delaney, Marti Hughes, Sally Steinmeyer, Grady Price,
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Maud Lipscomb-mother of Elizabeth Dice

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Coffee Hour: Lysa Riggs

Some liturgical selections are adapted from umcdiscipleship.org and personal files.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers on the altar are given by Jay & Maria Buehler in honor of their new grandson, Theodore Hayes Brown who was born on March 20.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. John Boggs and his wife, Anita, to worship today. John has graciously agreed to be our guest preacher today while Marcus is away on a family weekend. John grew up in First UMC in Brevard and is a retired elder in the WNCC. Many of you will recall that he served for a time as our District Superintendent. We appreciate John and Anita's presence with us today.

A warm welcome to violinist Hunter Holbert.

Hunter is a Hendersonville native and has undergraduate and graduate degrees in music from Appalachian State University. He plays regularly with the Hendersonville Symphony, Brevard Philharmonic, and Symphony of the Mountains.

PLEASE NOTE that flowers are needed next week! See the charts in the FH hallway to sign up for this or other Sundays coming up in June. We all appreciate those who share their gifts in this way.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 8:45am in the Minnich Conference room on Sundays, prior to worship. All are welcome! This is a 'come as you can' Bible Study and a study guide is provided. Don Henderson, bacpac@comporium.net, facilitates this group. Please reach out to him if you have questions.

Website Revamp—Pictures are needed as we prepare for relaunch! If you have any photos of the church, fellowship hall, the church grounds or church events, please send the JPG photo link to Cynthia Wood at cmwood50@gmail.com with information if needed. We appreciate your submissions as we work to update and refresh our LTUMC website.

The Prayer Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM. Prayer requests may be mailed to LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

AA Meets Every Thursday Night at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. To honor anonymity, please do not go to the Parish building from 4:00-6:00 PM.