



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Trinity Sunday

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Community Worship Service
May 31, 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.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prière (Prayer)

Jean Langlais

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

The Word God speaks is the life and sustenance of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and reflect your love and hope as we live into your holiness.

HYMN #64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

OPENING PRAYER

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity, we ask for your holy presence to enter this space. We know that your very nature teaches us how to love one another. Father and Creator, Son and Redeemer, Spirit and Advocate, we call upon you to teach us this hour. Teach us to pray. Teach us to love. Teach us to be one, as you are one. With all of the divisions we create with our own biases, from social class to race, from gender to age, from differences in ability, we know we still have much to learn. Open us to who you are and teach us this hour, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a *The creation of the world*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. ¹⁷And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their

kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 8 UMH 743 *The majesty of God*
(Please respond with the words in bold)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *Farewell and benediction*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell.- Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20 *Commissioning the disciples*
(Please stand as you are able.)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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.)

Loving God, you look deeply at us and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on our own needs and desires and give too little thought or care to the cares and needs of others. We wander through our days giving short attention to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of hope. Forgive us, God of redemption. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"I am with you always, even to the end of the age." This is God's final promise to us in Christ. We are never alone. And in spite of ourselves, we are enabled, empowered, commissioned and called to be faithful followers and beloved children of the one, true God.

In the name of God, our Creator, or Redeemer, our Sustainer, we are known, forgiven and called. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HOMILY

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 #568 Christ for the World We Sing

OFFERTORY Piece VIII for a Musical Clock Josef Haydn

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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

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go from this time of worship and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #571 Go, Make of All Disciples

(Please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers on the altar are given by the Dices in loving celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Elizabeth & Kevin Dice and Sherry & Bill Minnich.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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