



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Day of Pentecost

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Community Worship Service
Pentecost Sunday, June 8th

10:00 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service, please observe silence during the prelude.*

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One calls our sons and our daughters to prophesy.

We come, ready to hear the word of God.

The Holy One calls our young people to see visions.

We come, ready to see new visions.

The Holy One calls our elders to dream dreams.

We come, ready to dream new dreams.

The Spirit of the Holy One is poured upon all flesh.

We come, ready to be filled with God's Spirit.

HYMN #544

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 - Filled with the Spirit

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2:2 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.
- 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 2:14 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.
- 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 2:17 '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.
- 2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
- 2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- 2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved

Psalm 104:24-35 - Renewing the face of the earth (UMH Pg. 827)
(Psalter Lesson) (Please read the bold text)

- 104:24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide; **creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**
- 104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.
- 104:27 These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.**
- 104:28 When you give to them, they gather it; **when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- 104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; **when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- 104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**
- 104:31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,
- 104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!**
- 104:33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
- 104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord in whom I rejoice.
- 104:35 **Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and the wicked be n more!**
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Romans 8:14-17 - The Spirit makes us children of God (Epistle Reading)

- 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- 8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him

John 14:8-17, 25-27 - The Spirit of truth (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 14:8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."
- 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.
- 14:12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
- 14:13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14:14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
- 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.
- 14:17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
- 14:25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
- 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.
- 14:27 Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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, You, who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.
God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains***

*against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.
Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Hear the good news: the Holy Spirit is always with us, filling us with prophecy, visions,
and dreams. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (United Church of Canada)

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)

***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 #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Allegro G. F. Handel

DOXOLOGY #94 - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, breath of life and movement of all creation, we bring these gifts today as signs of our faith and our hope in your Spirit's work among us. As you did on Pentecost, pour out your Spirit anew, leading us to speak words of welcome and love across every boundary. May these offerings support ministries that cross divides and embody the hospitality of Christ. Open our eyes to see your deeds of power and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's 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 #384

Love divine, All Loves Excelling

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major Dietrich Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the alter are given by Kay & Tom Blackstock to the Glory of God.

Administrative Council Meeting

The June Administrative Council meeting has moved to Friday, June 27th at 10:00 AM in the Bill Minnich conference room.

Summer Bible Study

The new summer Bible Study group will start June 1st and will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM in the Minnich Conference room. This is a come as you can Bible Study and a study guide will be provided. It is led by

Don Henderson. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net

30 Year Anniversary Luncheon Celebration for Rev. Dodson

On Sunday, June 29th, we are going to host a celebration for Pastor Marcus in honor of his 30 years of service to Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church. After church, a BBQ luncheon will take place in the Dice Hall. Please RSVP to Saunders by noon Wednesday, June 25th at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org so we can get a head count. If you can help with sides like baked beans and potato salad, please reach out to Mandy Stahl at LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour after Today's Service

Please join us in the Dice Hall after today's service for coffee and snacks. This is a great way to see friends and make new ones. Please sign up to host one.

The Prayer Ministry

They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. Please e-mail prayer requests to LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

AA Meetings Thursday Nights

The weekly AA meeting is every Thursday 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

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. We pray for Don Scholl, Lysa Riggs' husband as he undergoes cancer treatments. We also pray for Chip Dixon.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery, acute illness or injury and their recovery. We pray for Sarah Ward who had surgery this week. Please continue to pray for the Guffeys and the Baileys.

We continue to pray for those who have recently lost a family member.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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