



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14 *God provides the sacrifice*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Psalms 13 UMH 746 *Call to God in times of distress* (Please respond with the words in bold)

Romans 6:12-23 *Christ breaks the bonds of sin*

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42 *Welcomed in Christ* *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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.)

Comforter, draw near to us we pray. You wait and watch, as we stumble through the tasks of life. Our ears have not been open to your gentle voice, and so with frustration and anger, we have turned on those we love and brought hurt and division to our lives. Our eyes have not noticed the beauty of our surroundings, and in resentment of being restrained from selfish choices, we have played our part in the changing pattern of creation, forgetting to steward all you have made. In prayer, we remember you invite us to choose between the path of desolation and the path of life, and laying our sorrow and failure on the ground, we long for your forgiveness. We seek to be reshaped by the fire of your Holy Spirit, and reinvigorated to walk with you, following in the way of our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, we have received the power to be free of sin and to walk in the way of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, receive God's grace and forgiveness.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and freed to walk in the way of life. 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 #365 Grace Greater than Our Sin

OFFERTORY Concerto in D Minor for Violin and Organ Antonio Vivaldi
Movement II, *Grave*

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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

Bountiful God, when we come to you with nothing, you provide us with all we need. When life's demands threaten to overwhelm us, you meet us with grace, peace, and provision. In thanksgiving for your manifold blessings, we offer you what we have in certain hope of your abiding love and as signs of our trust in you. Use these humble offerings, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be a sign of our willingness to live, love, and serve always and only in Christ's name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

(Please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Concerto in D Minor for Violin and Organ Antonio Vivaldi
Movement III *Allegro*

(Please be seated)

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Adam Prusiecki, Mary Delaney, Jay Buehler, Sally Steinmeyer
Katie Monkus-daughter of Stan & Bobbie Moore, Bobbie Moore
Maud Lipscomb-mother of Elizabeth Dice
Randall Galloway, Vandy Vanderford

We extend our Christian sympathy to Beth Holimon
in the death of her brother, Richard Lehman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers on the altar are given by Paula & Fred Markert in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on July 1.

We extend a warm welcome to violinist Hunter Holbert.

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

Memorial Prayer Garden Preview Presentation—July 12 during coffee hour after church. The memorial garden is funded and plans are well underway. Come learn more about the plans and see drawings. We are excited to see this project come to fruition.

We look forward to our celebration worship and lunch on Sunday, July 19th as we consecrate our organ upgrades and celebrate the music ministry of Bob Kintner. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

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—Photos of the church, activities, and ministries are requested. Please send the JPG photo link to Cynthia Wood at cmwood50@gmail.com. We appreciate your submissions as we continue our work to update and refresh our LTUMC website.

The Prayer Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month **at 3:00PM**. **Note the change of time.** 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 4-6 PM.

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Some liturgical selections are adapted from umcdiscipleship.org and re:Worship.