



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
October 12, 2025**



*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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Canaan's Land Arr. Alan Louis Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

All the earth bows down to you;

They sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.

Come and see what God has done,

His awesome deeds for mankind!

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

And I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

HYMN #89 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises!

We are grateful for the gift of this day

and all the ways you make your presence known.

We are grateful for your abiding Spirit

and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people.

**In this time of worship, deepen our faith.
Restore our souls and heal us.
After we have spent time with you,
return us to our community,
that we may share your love and grace
with everyone we meet.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 *Israel plants gardens in Babylon*

29:1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

29:4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

29:5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

29:6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Psalms 66:1-12 *God holds our souls in life*

66:1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

66:2 Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

66:3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

66:4 All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

66:5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,

66:7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

66:8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

66:9 who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

66:10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

66:11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

66:12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

2 Timothy 2:8-15 *We will live with Christ*

2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel,

2:9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

2:11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- he cannot deny himself.

2:14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17:11-19 *The healed leper gives thanks to Jesus*
(Gospel Reading--Please stand as you are able)

17:11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,

17:13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

7:16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

17:17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?"

17:18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

17:19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.)

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

We keep our distance from you,

for we are broken and sick with sin.

Yet you see us, and cleanse us and make us whole.

Forgive us when we forget to return to you –

have mercy when we fail to praise your name,

and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered.

Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin.

With glad hearts, return praise to God.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #88 Korean Methodist Church
(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 #262 Lord of the Dance

OFFERTORY Canaan's Land Arr. Alan Louis Smith

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
(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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #157 Jesus Shall Reign

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane and Bob Toney and in memory of their parents, Mary and Milton Sutton and Barbara and George Toney.

Welcome to Doug Grimm

A warm welcome to Doug Grimm who is well known to our congregation. He has a graduate degree in Voice and many credits as a professional, singing Opera and Oratorio. Doug is presently the Director of Vocal Arts at Brevard Middle School.

Outreach Committee Volunteers Needed

The Outreach Committee is looking for members to help plan future events at the church like potluck dinners. If you are willing to help out, please contact Mandy Stahl at LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for LTUMC Offering Collection Process

If you are interested in being a counter for contributions and making deposits, please reach out to John Lefler, LTUMC treasurer at jdlefler013@gmail.com.

Administrative Council Meeting – Friday, October 24th

This is the last meeting of 2025. The meeting will be at 10:00 AM in the Minnich conference room.

The Prayer Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Please e-mail prayer requests to LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM in the Minnich Conference room. All are welcome! This is a come as you can Bible

Study and a study guide is provided. It is led by Don Henderson. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net

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 PM – 6:00 PM.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Sally and Doug Bailey, Adam Prusiecki, Leslie Brown
Our summer residents who are returning to their winter homes
Numerous silent requests, especially those with chronic illnesses and dementia

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Marcus Dodson: 828-553-0282, marcus61dodson@gmail.com
Organist: Bob Kintner: 828-329-2457
Church Administrator: Saunders Grommesh: 469-569-2314,
administrator@laketoxawayumc.org
Lay Leaders: Paula Markert: 828-553-9434, Maria Buehler: 828-553-2128
Audio/Visual & Livestream: Joe Haraschak: 813-918-1916
Liturgist: John Lefler
Guest Soloist: Doug Grimm