



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
October 13th, 2024

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 13th

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg**

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand as you are able)*

The kingdom of God is at hand.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The mercy of God is made known.

We want to receive this mercy.

The grace of God is abundant for all.

***We praise you, O God, for your compassion
and your love. Accept our grateful praise
as we come to worship you today.***

HYMN # 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms.

***We need your compassion as we face the challenges
and disappointments of life.***

***When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves,
turn us back to you.***

***Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord.
Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 - The Almighty hidden from Job

- 23:1 Then Job answered:
- 23:2 "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
- 23:3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!
- 23:4 I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.
- 23:5 I would learn what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.
- 23:6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would give heed to me.
- 23:7 There the upright could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
- 23:8 "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;
- 23:9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
- 23:16 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me.
- 23:17 If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Psalms 22:1-15 - Why have you forsaken me? (UMH pg.752) (Psalter Lesson) ***(Please read the bold text)***

- 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? **Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**
- 22:2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; **and by night but find no rest.**
- 22:3 Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.
- 22:4 In you our forebears trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.**
- 22:5 To you they cried and were saved; **in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.**
- 22:6 But I am a worm, and not human; **scorned by others, and despised by the people.**
- 22:7 All who see me mock me, **they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;**
- 22:8 "He committed his cause to the Lord; let him deliver-- let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
- 22:9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**
- 22:10 Upon you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.
- 22:11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.**

- 22:12 Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
22:13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
22:14 I am poured out like water **and all my bones are out of joint;** my heart is like wax; **it is melted within my breast;**
22:15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; **you lay me in the dust of death.**

Hebrews 4:12-16 - Approach the throne of grace (Epistle Reading)

- 4:12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- 4:13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
- 4:14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.
- 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
- 4:16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31 - Teaching on wealth and reward (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 10:17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 10:18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.
- 10:19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'"
- 10:20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."
- 10:21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."
- 10:22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
- 10:23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

- 10:24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
- 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
- 10:26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"
- 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."
- 10:28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."
- 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news
- 10:30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life.
- 10:31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

Lord,

we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us.

For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us.

Do not be far from us, Lord.

There is no one else we can turn to for help.

Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

Hear our ardent prayer offered in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.

God will not forsake you or leave you.

Turn to the Lord with confidence and put your faith in God's great mercy.

By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The Nicene Creed)

(Please stand as you are able)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 #399

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OFFERTORY

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*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Please continue standing)*

Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

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 #463 *(Please stand as you are able)*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by **the Miles & Wilson families in honor of their wedding yesterday.**

Livestream Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers to help provide the livestream. It is not a hard task and you will be trained. If you are interested, please reach out to **Joe Haraschak at joe10066@outlook.com.**

The Prayer Ministry

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

Bible Study – Sunday Mornings

The Bible study meets on **Sundays at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich conference room and is not consecutive; come as you can. **Don Henderson** is leading this Bible Study.

Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

The sign-up calendars are located in the Parish Hall. **For Coffee Hour, please reach out to Nancee Salyer at nsalyer331@aol.com and for Flowers please e-mail Beth Holimon at roxy1011@gmail.com and for flower wording for the bulletin please reach out to Saunders before 5:00 PM the Tuesday prior.**

AA Meetings Thursday Nights

The weekly **AA meeting is every Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. In an effort to honor anonymity please do not go to the Parish building from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM.**

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. Especially for Doug Bailey, Judy Lefler and Bobby Richardson

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one.

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

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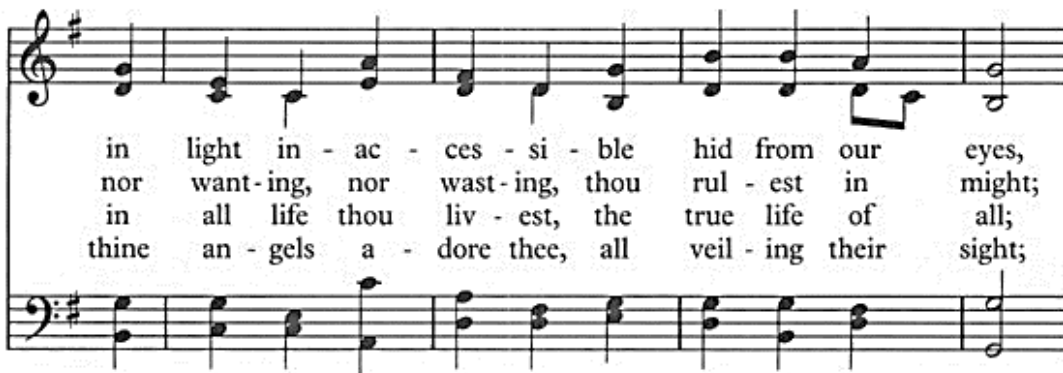
Liturgist: Scott Walter

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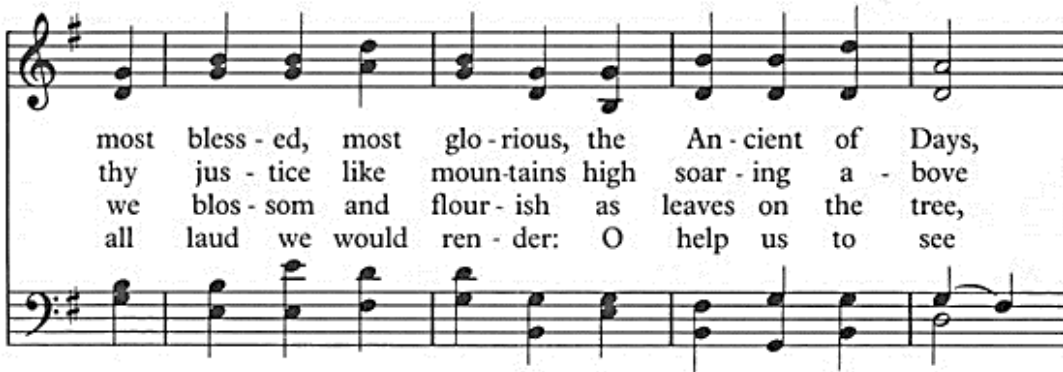
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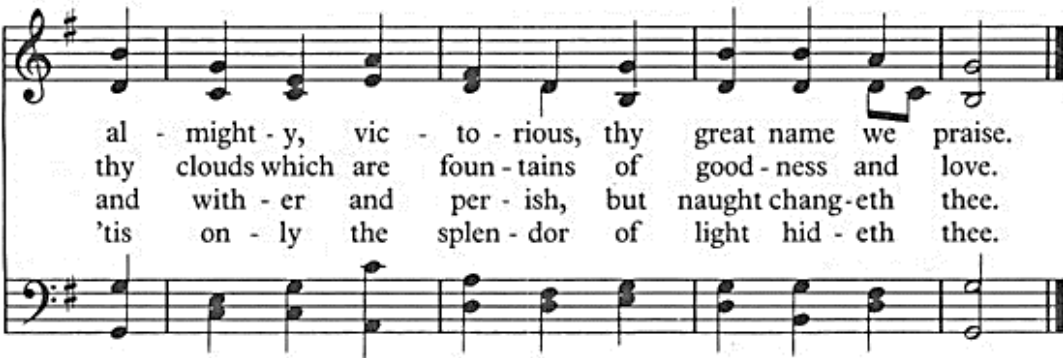
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérol, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

MESSIAH
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Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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