



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
October 20th, 2024

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 20th

**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)*

Look at the heavens, stretched out like a tent!

Listen to the winds, the messengers of God.

Gaze at autumn's changing colors, painted for us.

Reflect on God's mountains, majestic and strong.

Blessing and honor to our Creator God!

Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life!

HYMN # 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

God of majesty and might,

blow through this place

like a mighty wind.

Inspire us with your presence.

Cover us with your love,

that we might be your people,

serving others with care and compassion.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) - God challenges Job

- 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
- 38:2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 38:3 Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 38:5 Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 38:6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
- 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- 38:34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?
- 38:35 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?
- 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?
- 38:37 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens
- 38:38 when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?
- 38:39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
- 38:40 when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their covert?
- 38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young one's cry to God and wander about for lack of food?

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c - In wisdom you have made them all (UMH pg. 826) ***(Psalter Lesson) (Please read the bold text)***

- 104:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. **O Lord my God, you are very great.** You are clothed with honor and majesty,
- 104:2 and cover yourself with light as with a garment; **you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,**
- 104:3 **and have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters;** you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;
- 104:4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**
- 104:5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
- 104:6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

- 104:7 At your rebuke they fled; **at the sound of your thunder, they took to flight.**
- 104:8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place which you appointed for them.
- 104:9 You set a bound that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.**
- 104:24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 104:35c Praise the Lord!**

Hebrews 5:1-10 - Through suffering Christ saves (Epistle Reading)

- 5:1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 5:2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness,
- 5:3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.
- 5:4 And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5:5 So also, Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you";
- 5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."
- 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- 5:8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered,
- 5:9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
- 5:10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:35-45 - Warnings to ambitious disciples (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 10:35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."
- 10:36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"
- 10:37 And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."
- 10:38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"
- 10:39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized,
- 10:40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."
- 10:41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
- 10:42 So, Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
- 10:43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
- 10:44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
- 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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.)*

We pray for forgiveness this day.

For choosing power over service, forgive us.

For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us.

For pushing ourselves to the front,

when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us.

Help us know where we are needed

and how best to serve you and your people.

Guide us to your side,

***that we might be your hands
of healing and compassion
for a world in need.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Christ, our High Priest,
guides us gently back to the path—
the path of walking with God
and serving our neighbor.*

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 (The Apostles' Creed)
(Please stand as you are able)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 #144

This Is My Father's World
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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)*

Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. 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 #98 *(Please stand as you are able)*

To God Be the Glory
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pastor

Please welcome back **Shelly Webb as our pastor today**. She an ordained active elder in WNC Conference of The United Methodist Church. She is also the Executive Director of The Sharing House in Brevard.

Guest Pianist

We also welcome back **Vinelle Davis** this week. We are always excited to have her share her talent with us.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancee Salyer and Scott Walter in memory of their mothers Burlah Salyer and Maria Walter**.

Annual Charge Conference

The **Annual Charge Conference** for LTUMC will be on **Sunday, October 27th at 4:00 PM at St. Timothy's UMC in Brevard** (by the hospital). We need participation from our church. Please let Marcus know if you can attend.

Lake Toxaway Falls Garden Club Meeting

The next Lake Toxaway Falls Garden Club will meet, Thursday, 10-24-24 - 9:00 AM – noon in the Parish Hall.

Service time change – November 3rd

We will be having Sunday services starting at **10:00 AM starting on Sunday, November 3^d when we set our clocks back an hour.**

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.**

RAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

We congratulate and pray for Maggie and Zack, Marcus' oldest daughter and son-in-law for their wedding yesterday. May they have a Christ filled marriage.

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, and Charlie Steele as they recovery & procedures.

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.

We continue to pray and help those in need who were impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



144 This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all
 2. This is my Father's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morning light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
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98 To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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