



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church

June 23rd, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 23rd

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Foundation" Sam Batt Owens

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

L: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

P: What have we to fear?

L: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

P: Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

P: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN.

HYMN # 181

Ye Servants of God

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are.

We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies that are renewed every morning.

We exalt you, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows.

Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair.

Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you.

Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

In your majestic name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

- 17:1a Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.
- 17:4 And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.
- 17:5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.
- 17:6 He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.
- 17:7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.
- 17:8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.
- 17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."
- 17:10 And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together."
- 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.
- 17:19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
- 17:20 David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.
- 17:21 Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.
- 17:22 David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers.
- 17:23 As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.
- 17:32 David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."
- 17:33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

- 17:34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock,
- 17:35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.
- 17:36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God."
- 17:37 David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"
- 17:38 Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.
- 17:39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.
- 17:40 Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.
- 17:41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.
- 17:42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.
- 17:43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
- 17:44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field."
- 17:45 But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- 17:46 This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,
- 17:47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."
- 17:48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.
- 17:49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Psalm 9:11-20

RESPONSE (General) Ps. 9:11
Richard D. Soulx

We all tell a-mong the peo - ples
the glo - rious deeds of the Lord.

Alternate response at Ps. 10

R

- 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!
Tell among the peoples God's deeds!
- 12 The Lord who avenges blood is mindful of them,
and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O Lord!
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
You are the One who lifts me up from the gates of death,
- 14 that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of the daughter of Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance. **R**
- 15 The nations have sunk in the pit which they made;
their own foot has been caught in the net which they hid.
- 16 The Lord is made known! The Lord has executed judgment!
The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall depart to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.

- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, O Lord! Let not mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord;
let the nations know that they are mortal! R

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (Epistle Reading)

- 6:1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.
- 6:2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!
- 6:3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,
- 6:4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,
- 6:5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;
- 6:6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
- 6:7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;
- 6:8 in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;
- 6:9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;
- 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
- 6:11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.
- 6:12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.
- 6:13 In return--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4:35-41 *(Please stand for the Gospel as you are able)*

- 4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."
- 4:36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.
- 4:37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.
- 4:38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"
- 4:39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.
- 4:40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"
- 4:41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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.)

Holy God, hear our prayer. There is pain and there is sorrow, there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them – we are the ones who suffer, we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for your forgiveness, and we ask for your healing. Beyond that, we ask that you would help us turn from our former selves to the persons you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love. Through Christ, who is our example, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always. AMEN.

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

HOMILY

BAPTISM

Luke Norton is being baptized today. His parents, Tacia & Martin Butz and Andrew, his brother also attend LTUMC.

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (Ecumenical)

(Please stand as you are able)

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 #129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
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Pastorale Robert J. Powell

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)*

Lord of wind and water, of calmness and peace, be with us this day. Calm our fears as we face uncertain futures. Help us to relinquish control and to place our trust totally in you. Remind us to continue to faithfully work for good, with gratitude for the many blessings you have poured upon us. When the waves and torrents threaten us, let us again to turn to you, remembering your saving mercies and love. Give us courage to become disciples who can calm the seas of doubt and anger, bringing hope and peace. As we have brought before you situations that require help and healing mercies, remind us again that you are with each person and situation, offering your love and mercy. We thank you for the many ways in which you have healed us. For all the goodness you have poured on us, we offer prayers of gratitude and love, as we ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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 #529 *(Please stand as you are able)*

How firm a Foundation
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers today are given by **Barbara and Doug Hill** to the glory of God and in **honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and Leslie and Chip Brown's 50th wedding anniversary on June 29th.***

Baptism of Luke Norton

*Please congratulate **Luke Norton** on his baptism. **Luke is a music education major at WCU.** He played the trumpet for us last Easter. He was not aware of the blessing it would turn out to be. He has grown so much in his faith and is excited to continue moving closer to God.*

Name Tags

The new name tags were ordered and they are in the Minnich Conference room.

AA Meetings Starting Thursday Nights

We are happy to announce there will be a weekly **AA meeting starting June 20th at 4:45 PM** in the Dice Hall.

Bible Study

The new Bible study with **Don Henderson** leading will start on **Sunday, July 7th at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich conference room. **If you signed up for the Bible Study please pick up your Bible Study Guide in the Minnich conference room.**

Prayer Ministry

We have a new Prayer Ministry led by Jo Ditzel and Mandy Stahl. **They are meeting the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at the church for anyone who wishes to join them in praying for the needs identified in our community and to send an occasional note to persons with a reminder Lake Toxaway UMC cares and prays for them.

If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to **LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com**

Parish Building Consecration & Open House – June 30th

We will consecrate our new parish building on **Sunday, June 30th 2:30-4:30 PM**. It will be open to the public and children are welcome.

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.

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 over the summer.

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Liturgist: Scott Walter

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Ye Servants of God

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save,
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4. Then let us a - dore and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh, his pres - ence we have;
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might;

the name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744 (Rev. 7:9-12)
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708

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Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis-
 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy
 3. Leave to God's sov-ereign sway to choose and to com-
 4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de-

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 mayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
 way; wait thou God's time; so shall this night
 mand; so shalt thou, won - dering, own that way,
 clare, and pub - lish with our lat - est breath

God shall lift up thy head.
 soon end in joy - ous day.
 how wise, how strong this hand.
 thy love and guard - ian care.

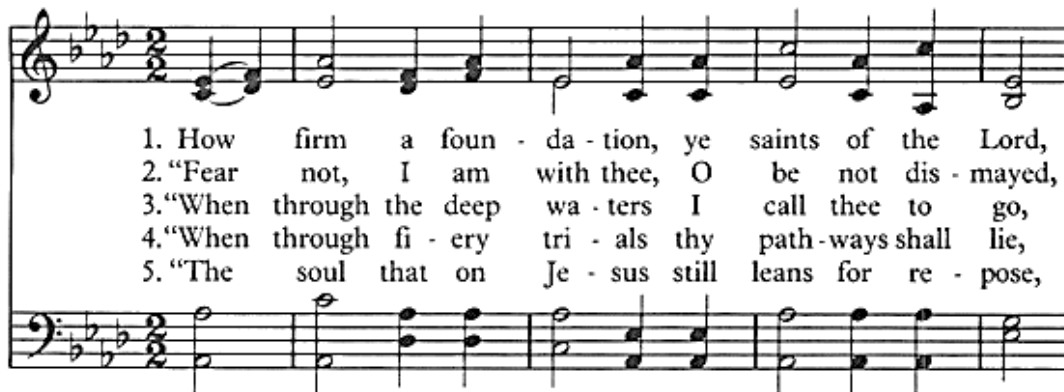
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WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)

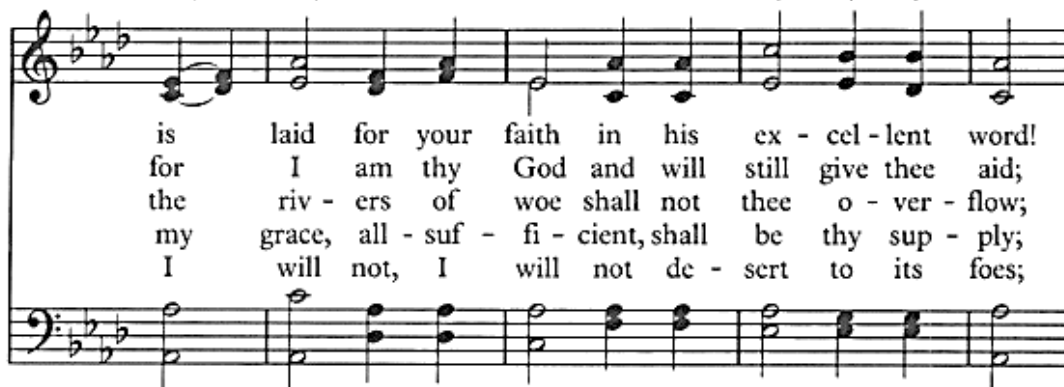
MUSIC (FESTAL SONG, SM): William H. Walter, 1894

How Firm a Foundation

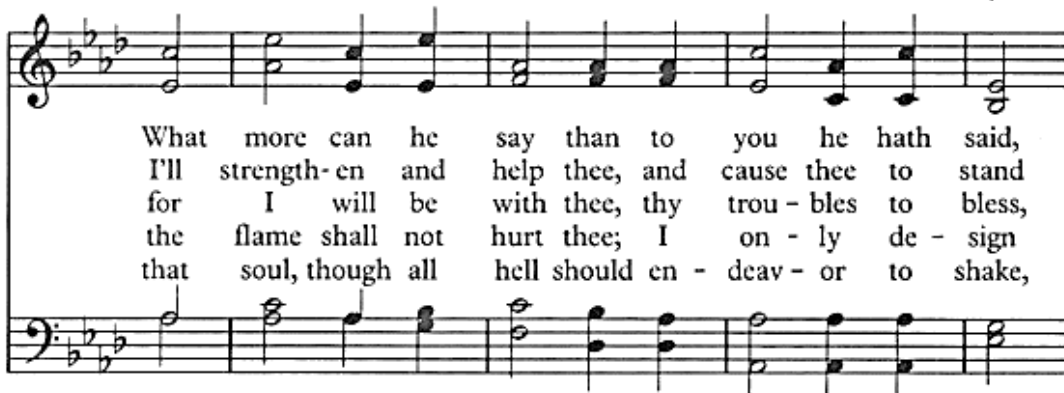
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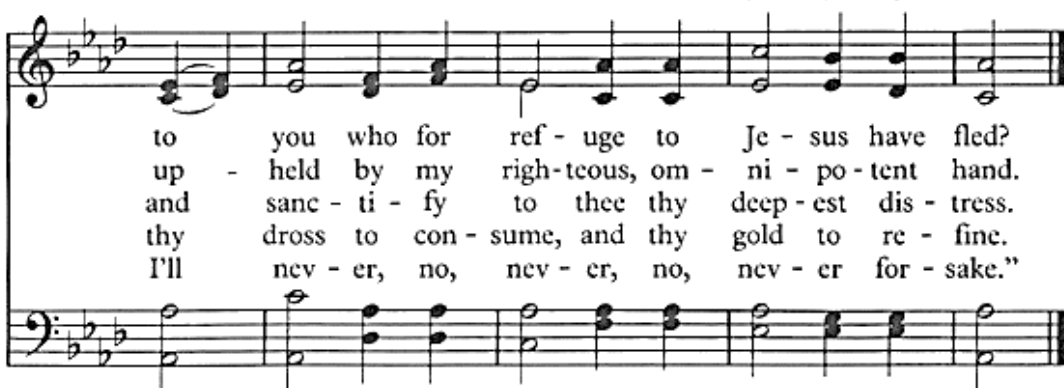
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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