



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church

June 9th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 9th

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

To God be the Glory Robert J. Powell

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

Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

We come today to worship the Triune God who is immutable in love. Amen.

HYMN # 98

To God be the Glory
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***O God,
bind us together as your family.
Swing wide the doors of our hearts
and the doors of our church,
that we may welcome the stranger in.
Give us a spirit of faith,
that we may be your temples upon this earth,
lovers of your law and givers of your grace.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

- 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,
- 8:5 and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."
- 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD,
- 8:7 and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
- 8:8 Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.
- 8:9 Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."
- 8:10 So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.
- 8:11 He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;
- 8:12 and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.
- 8:13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.
- 8:14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers.
- 8:15 He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.
- 8:16 He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.
- 8:17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.
- 8:18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."
- 8:19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us,
- 8:20 so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."
- 11:14 Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship."

11:15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

Psalm 138 pg. 853 in the Hymnal (*Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text*)

Psalm 138

RESPONSE (General) Ps. 138:1,2,6
Gary Alan Smith

I sing your praise for steadfast love;
fulfill your purpose for me.

R

- 1** I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2** I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast
love and faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
- 3** On the day I called, you answered me,
you strengthened my life. **R**

- 4 All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;
yet knows the haughty from afar. **R**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;
O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R**

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Epistle Reading)

- 4:13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture--"I believed, and so I spoke" --we also believe, and so we speak,
- 4:14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.
- 4:15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
- 4:16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
- 4:17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
- 4:18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
- 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3:20-35 *(Please stand for the Gospel)*

- 3:20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.
- 3:21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."
- 3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."
- 3:23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"
- 3:24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
- 3:25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
- 3:26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.
- 3:27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
- 3:28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;
- 3:29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--
- 3:30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."
- 3:31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.
- 3:32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."
- 3:33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"
- 3:34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!
- 3:35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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 and uncontainable God,

For trying to contain you, forgive us.

Loving and limitless God,

For trying to limit you, forgive us.

Gracious and boundless God,

For trying to bind you, forgive us.

Sometimes we are foolish enough

To believe that it is to our advantage to reduce you to something we can comprehend.

Forgive us, Almighty God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you. Praise be to God. AMEN.

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 #454

Open My Eyes

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OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes That I May See 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)*

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with your divine rhythm. Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of your love. Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament to your enduring grace. As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of your unwavering presence. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. 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 #368 *(Please stand as you are able)*

My Hope is Built

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

My Hope is Built

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by **Drew and Kellie Prusiecki** in loving memory of Drew's sister **Camille** who passed away last Sunday, June 2.

New Members

We welcome **Jay and Maria Buehler and Ryan and Mandy Stahl** as new members to LTUMC. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them.

Outreach Update

We need advisors for our student scholars; you can do this remotely. Please reach out to **Fred Markert** at fredmarkert47@gmail.com if interested.

Bible Study

We are starting a Bible study on Sundays with **Don Henderson** leading it. Please see him after the service at coffee hour or e-mail him at bacpac@comporium.net.

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.

LTUMC Name Tags

Please email Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org if you want a name tag (specify your name, magnetic or pin style).

Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

Please sign up on the new calendars for coffee hour and flowers on the altar. They are located in our new parish building.

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 Patricia Simmons who is recovering from surgery.

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 as the school year is drawing to a close.

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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
 11.11.11.11. with Refrain

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain