



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
September 28th



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

HYMN #181 - Ye Servants of God

OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

God our Redeemer,

you promise deliverance to those who love you.

Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship.

Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,

our minds to comprehend,

and our spirits to encounter

the revelation you have for us this day.

Transform us with the truth of your love and grace,

in the name of the one who loved us

and gave his life for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 - *Jeremiah buys a field*

- 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.
- 32:2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,
- 32:3a where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.
- 32:6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me:
- 32:7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'"
- 32:8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.
- 32:9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver.
- 32:10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales.
- 32:11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy,
- 32:12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.
- 32:13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,
- 32:14 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.
- 32:15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

Psalms 91 - - *God, my refuge (Psalter Lesson) (UMH 810)* ***(Please read the bold text)***

1 Timothy 6:6-19 - Pursuing God's justice (Epistle Reading)

- 6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment,
6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it,
6:8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.
6:9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
6:13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you
6:14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
6:15 which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
6:16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
6:17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
6:19 thus, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31 - Poor Lazarus and the rich man (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.
- 16:20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,
- 16:21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.
- 16:22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.
- 16:23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.
- 16:24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'
- 16:25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.
- 16:26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'
- 16:27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house--
- 16:28 for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'
- 16:29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'
- 16:30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
- 16:31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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.)

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love.

Forgive us, we pray—when we don't see or recognize your gifts

for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are

entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you

for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction.

Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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)

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 #130 - God, Will Take Care of You

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<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

Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a

glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN # 133 - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Brian & Debra Singleton to the glory of God.

John Rinker Memorial Video – Sunday, September 28th at 2:00 PM

Please join us in celebrating the life of John Rinker in watching his memorial service on Sunday, September 28th at 2:00 PM in the Dice Hall. Please RSVP by September 18th to the Rinker Foundation office at 561-471-8359.

UMC Annual Charge Conference - Oct. 8 and "Welcome Home Baskets."

Our Annual Charge Conference will be Oct. 8 at St. Timothy's UMC in Brevard at 6:00 PM. We will not have all of our work completed by this date, so we will attest to our commitment to complete our annual requirements.

We are being asked to bring supplies for "Welcome Home Baskets." These are for people returning to restored homes after the Hurricane Helene damage.

Please see the list below and bring them to church and place on the round table in the Dice Hall closest to the pianos.

Thank you for giving this list of supplies your attention.

Journal or Notebook, Welcome Home Mat (remember our non-English speaking families too!), Scissors or a Multi-tool, Hammer, 5 Screw drivers (Phillips and Flat) Duct Tape Flashlight, Zip lock bags (2 different sizes), Power strip with extension cord, 10 Hangers, First Aid Kit, Trash bags, Kitchen towels, Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner Liquid Dish Soap, Multipurpose cleaning towels, Kitchen Sponges, 1 or more gift cards, Hand Soap, Paper Plates, Plastic cups and cutlery, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Pens, Deck of Cards, "Welcome Home" greeting card.

The 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 Offertory Collection Process

If you are interested in being a counter for contributions and making deposits, please reach out to John Lefler, LTUMC treasurer at jdllefler013@gmail.com

Administrative Council Meeting - October 24th

The last Administrative Council meeting for 2025 will be Friday, October 24th. The meeting will be at 10:00 AM in the Minnich conference room.

The Prayer Ministry

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

Bible Study

The 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

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

Please pray for those having or had a surgery, acute illness or injury and their recovery.

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

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

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