



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sept 8th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg)**

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

**PRELUDE**

Sweet Hour of Prayer    Dale Wood

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

*L: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.*

***P: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.***

*L: Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.*

***P: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.***

*L: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.*

***P: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.***

**HYMN # 57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Holy Father, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches.***

***You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people.***

***You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy.***

***You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace.***

***In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others.***

***Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 - A good name**

- 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
- 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
- 22:8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- 22:9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- 22:22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate,
- 22:23 for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### **Psalm 125 - Trust in the Lord (Psalter Lesson)**

***(Please read the bold text)***

- 125:1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.
- 125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.
- 125:3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.**
- 125:4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.
- 125:5 But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways, the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!**

### **James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 - Faith without works is dead (Epistle Reading)**

- 2:1 My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality.
- 2:2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- 2:3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool,"
- 2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

- 2:6 But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?
- 2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
- 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.
- 2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
- 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.
- 2:11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
- 2:12 So, speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
- 2:13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.
- 2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it?
- 2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food
- 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?
- 2:17 So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Mark 7:24-37 - Christ heals a little girl and a deaf man (Gospel)**  
**(Please stand as you are able)**

- 7:24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,
- 7:25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
- 7:26 Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
- 7:27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
- 7:28 But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
- 7:29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter."
- 7:30 And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

- 7:31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
- 7:32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
- 7:33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
- 7:34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
- 7:35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- 7:36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- 7:37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*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.)*

***Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well.***

***We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power.***

***We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection.***

***We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities.***

***Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace.***

***Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need.***

***Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy.***

***May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God.*

*May we understand the grace and forgiveness bestowed upon us by God, that others may find the Kingdom within us and among us.*

***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 #454**

Open My Eyes, That I May See  
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## **OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY**

Open My Eyes Emma Lou Diemer

**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 Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ's 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 #438** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord  
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please be seated)*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Robert A. Hobby

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar**

*The flowers on the altar are given by Ben and Betsy Nolan in memory of their fathers, Richard Powell and Ben Nolan, who loved them with all their hearts.*

**Administrative Council Meeting**

*The next Administrative Council meeting will be Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Minnich Conference room. Please reach out to Scott Walter with questions.*

**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.*

### **Bible Study – Tuesday Afternoons**

*It meets on **Tuesdays, at 1:00 PM in the Minnich Conference room.** There is limited homework. Please see **Lysa Riggs** to sign up or email: [lysariggs@gmail.com](mailto:lysariggs@gmail.com).*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com)*

### **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. Especially for **Thomas Blackstock, Tom and Kay's son** as he has been diagnosed with **B-cell lymphoma.** **Marcus** announced last week how they may like cards. Their address is **Tom, Kay & Thomas Blackstock, 208 Hidden Lane #58, Sapphire, NC 28774.** Please pray for the **Harvill family** as **Andy** in hospice care. **Anita & Andy Harvill, P.O. Box 5, Sapphire, NC 28774***

*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 pray for the families and friends of **Jayden Reynaldo & Layne Jones, the 16-year-old Rosman football players** who died in an **ATV accident.***

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

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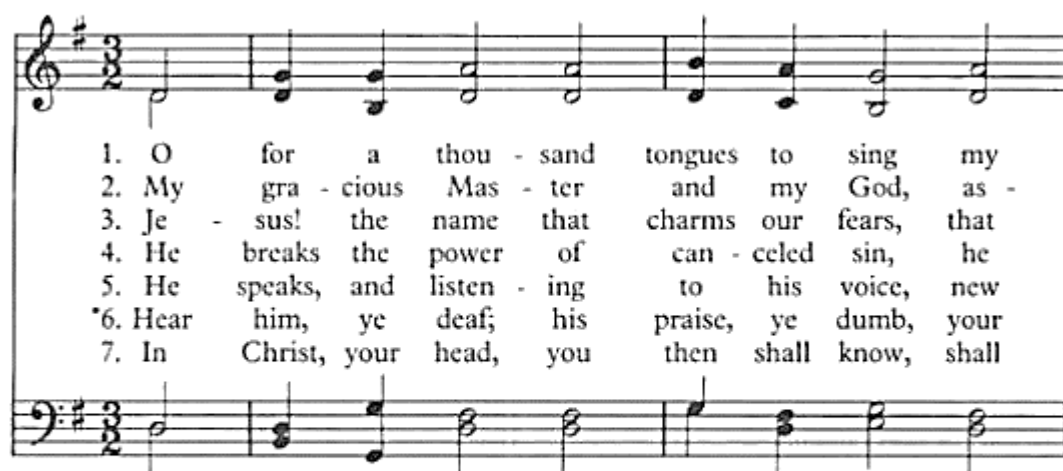
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Liturgist: Brian Singleton

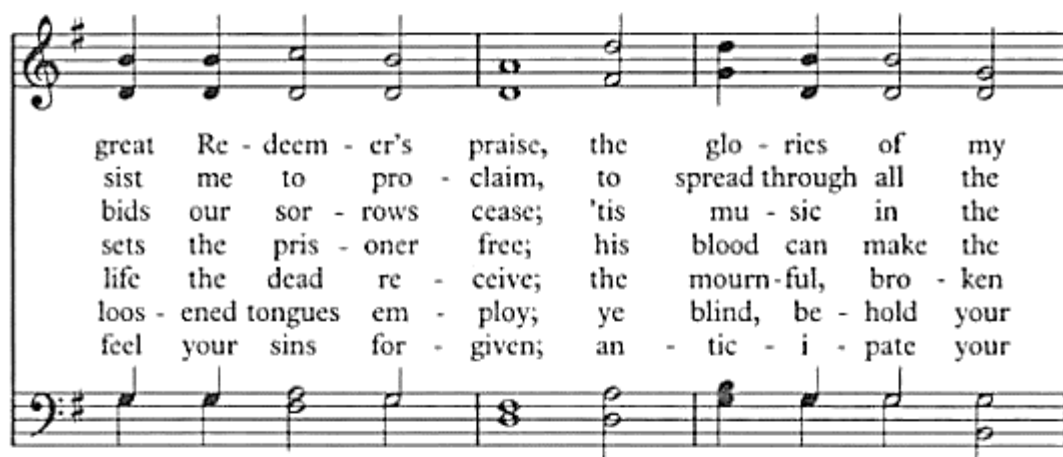
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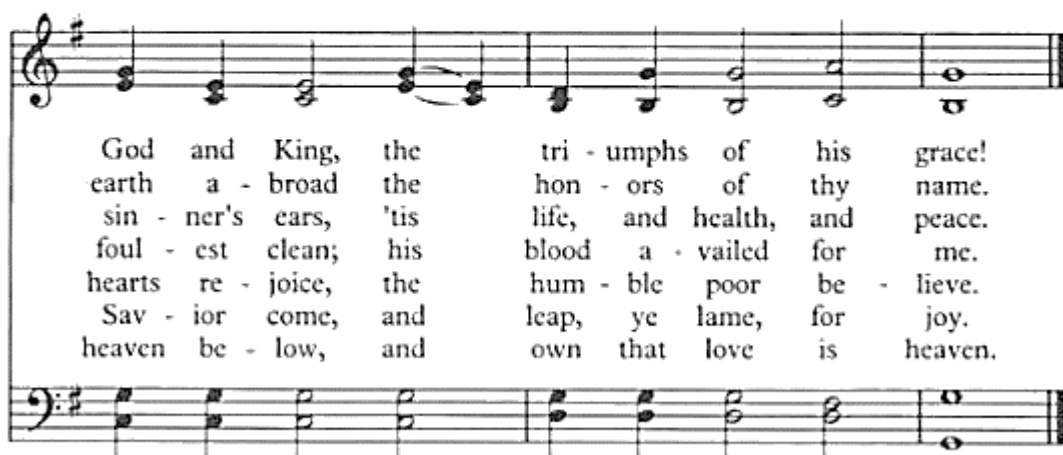
## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he  
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new  
 \*6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your  
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your  
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.  
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

\*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739  
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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# 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

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.

*Refrain*

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

## Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly  
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me  
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine  
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

6  
 la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -  
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy  
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at  
 boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with

11  
 solved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.  
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.