



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
World Communion Sunday, October 6th, 2024*

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Community Worship Service & Communion
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**9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

P: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

L: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

P: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

L: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

P: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.

HYMN #158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 - Job's integrity in suffering

- 1:1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
- 2:1 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the Lord.
- 2:2 The Lord said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it."
- 2:3 The Lord said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."
- 2:4 Then the accuser answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life.
- 2:5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."
- 2:6 The Lord said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."
- 2:7 So, the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- 2:8 Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.
- 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die."
- 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Psalms 26 - Your love is before my eyes (Psalter Lesson)

(Please read the bold text)

- 26:1 Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- 26:2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**
- 26:3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
- 26:4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**
- 26:5 I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
- 26:6 I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**
- 26:7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- 26:8 O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**
- 26:9 Do not sweep me away with sinners nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

26:10 those in whose hands are evil devices and whose right hands are full of bribes.

26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me.

26:12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 - God has spoken by a son (Epistle Reading)

- 1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.
1:3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.
2:6 But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?
2:7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,
2:8 subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,
2:9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
2:10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
2:11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,
2:12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Mark 10:2-16 - Teaching on marriage (Gospel) (Please stand as you are able)

- 10:2 Some testing him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
10:3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
10:4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

- 10:5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.
- 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
- 10:7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
- 10:8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two but one flesh.
- 10:9 Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 10:10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.
- 10:11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,
- 10:12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
- 10:13 People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
- 10:14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
- 10:15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
- 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION 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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace and mercy, as we bring our gifts before you today, we remember your infinite love that welcomes everyone, especially the vulnerable and the overlooked. Just as Jesus embraced the little children, we bring our offerings, hoping to reflect our dedication to living out your kingdom's values. Help us to see and meet the needs around us with open hearts and willing hands, extending your grace and compassion to all. Bless these gifts and use them to further your work in our community and beyond, so everyone may know and feel your love. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #617

I Come with Joy

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #368

My Hope is Built

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

US Postal Service in WNC & Lake Toxaway

The US Postal Service has experienced damage to vehicles, trucks & 18-wheelers from the flooding. Mail could be damaged and/or lost as a result from Hurricane Helene. Our mail from Lake Toxaway makes 4 stops before getting to Greenville, SC where it is post marked. They are experiencing heavy delays.

Bible Study – Sundays

The Bible study meets on Sundays at 8:15 AM in the Minnich Conference room. It is not consecutive; come as you can. Don Henderson is leading it.

Livestream Volunteers Needed

We have 4 volunteers to help with the livestream, but we need more to lighten the load. Training is easy and you have help and support as needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Joe Haraschak at joe10066@outlook.com.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to 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 on Thursdays.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

We pray for all who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene.

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

We pray for Doug & Sally Bailey, Thomas Blackstock, Char Holbrook, Jane Sheffield, and John McColskey.

We pray for the Harvill family as Andy in hospice care. He is welcoming visits at the Oaks in Brevard.

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.

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1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais-es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

WORDS: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843 SPANISH HYMN
 MUSIC: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963 66.66 D
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I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE
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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

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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