



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Pentecost, May 19th**

**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**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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

*With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends  
to burn in our hearts anew.*

***Unite us, Holy Spirit!***

*Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence  
blowing afresh throughout the world.*

***Unite us, Holy Spirit!***

*Across the barriers of language and culture,  
Christ's message of love and grace is heard.*

***Unite us, Holy Spirit!***

*Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance  
as we search for the Spirit of Truth.*

***Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.***

**HYMN # 61**

Come, thou Almighty King  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Holy One,***

***Ignite within us a fiery passion  
for your mission in the world today.***

***Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame,  
that we may feel your kindling blaze within,  
urging us to do your greater good.***

***Make us wholly present to experience a new birth,  
and awaken possibilities within us  
to share your love in the world.***

***In this love and abundance,  
we come to celebrate your harvest—  
a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit***

*within us.  
Show us how to use these gifts,  
as we listen for your truth  
in the gentle breeze of your Spirit.  
We pray in the name of Christ, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

- 37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
- 37:2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.
- 37:3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."
- 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
- 37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.
- 37:6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."
- 37:7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 37:8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.
- 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."
- 37:10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.
- 37:11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'
- 37:12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- 37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.
- 37:14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*Psalter Lesson – Please use Hymnal pg. 827 and read the bold text*)

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships,  
and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.
- 27 These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.
- 28 When you give to them, they gather it;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good  
things.
- 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.
- 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever,  
may the Lord rejoice in his works,  
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord  
in whom I rejoice.
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Praise the Lord! **R**

## **Acts 2:1-21 (Epistle Reading)**

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- 2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- 2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- 2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 15:26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.
- 15:27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.
- 16:4b "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.
- 16:5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'
- 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.
- 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
- 16:8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
- 16:9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;
- 16:10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;
- 16:11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.
- 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- 16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*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.)*

***Heavenly Father,  
you dwell within us  
in sighs too deep for words,  
yet we cannot hear you.  
Caring God,  
you wrap us tenderly in fierce love,  
you give us the breath of life,  
yet we cannot touch you.***

***Holy Jesus,  
we yearn for your presence,  
we seek your abundant grace,  
yet we cannot feel it.  
Holy Spirit,  
you prepare to sear our souls for your purpose,  
yet we allow our somber selves to intrude,  
shutting our minds to your power.  
Remind us, we pray,  
that we need only trust in the giver of life  
to find the hope and faith you have promised.  
Gather us up in the winds of your favor  
and carry us to ever greater heights,  
through Christ who loves us still.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Do not be afraid.  
Our Comforter and Advocate has come.  
Rejoice in the knowledge that all is forgiven.  
People of the Spirit, listen.  
The wind that drives the heavens—  
the wind that soars above and beyond us all,  
unifies us in God's love.  
Keep the Spirit's flame alight within your heart.  
Await the new birth in Christ that is promised to all.*

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

### **HOMILY**

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #885 (A Modern Affirmation) (Please stand as you are able)**

***Pastor:***

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

***Pastor and People***

***We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 #544**

Like the Mummer of the Dove's Song  
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**OFFERTORY**

Breathe on me, Breath of God. Robert Jackson

**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)**

***Heavenly Father, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into dry bones and igniting the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. 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 #384 (Please stand as you are able)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE (Please be seated)**

Trumpet Tune. Robert J. Powell

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Flowers on the Altar**

***The flowers on the altar are given by Kay and Tom Blackstock to the Glory of God.***

***Thank You Toxaway Falls Garden Club for an amazing donation for our new landscaping! We are extremely grateful for this and volunteers on 5/18 & 5/25.***

#### **Planting Volunteers Needed - May 25 at 10:00 AM**

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with planting yesterday, 5-18. We still need volunteers to help plant 5-25 on the new west rock wall and railroad tie wall around the church. Please bring your own gloves and garden tools. Please see Scott Walter with questions.***

#### **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 hall.***

#### **Parish Hall Consecration – June 30th**

***We will consecrate our new Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. It will be open to the public.***

### **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 as the school year is drawing to a close.***

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Liturgist: Lysa Riggs

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## Come, Thou Almighty King

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1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy  
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise! Fa - ther all  
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -  
 prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

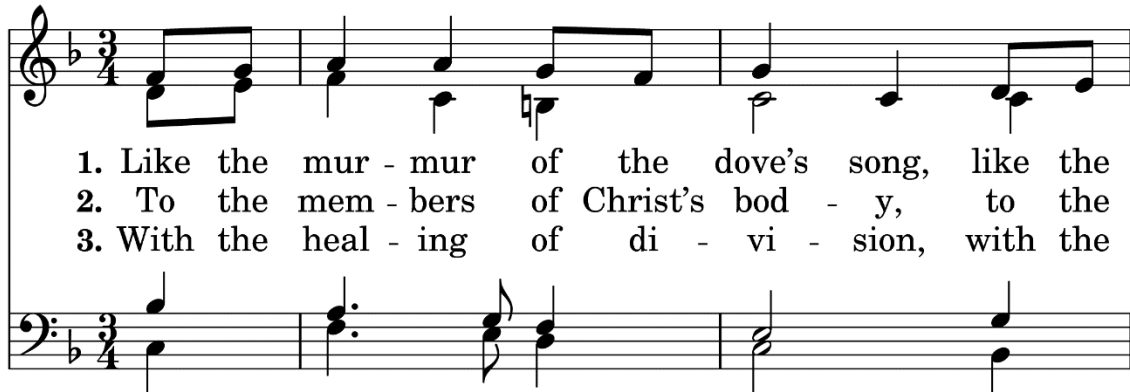
come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

WORDS: Anon.  
 MUSIC: Felice de Gardini, 1769

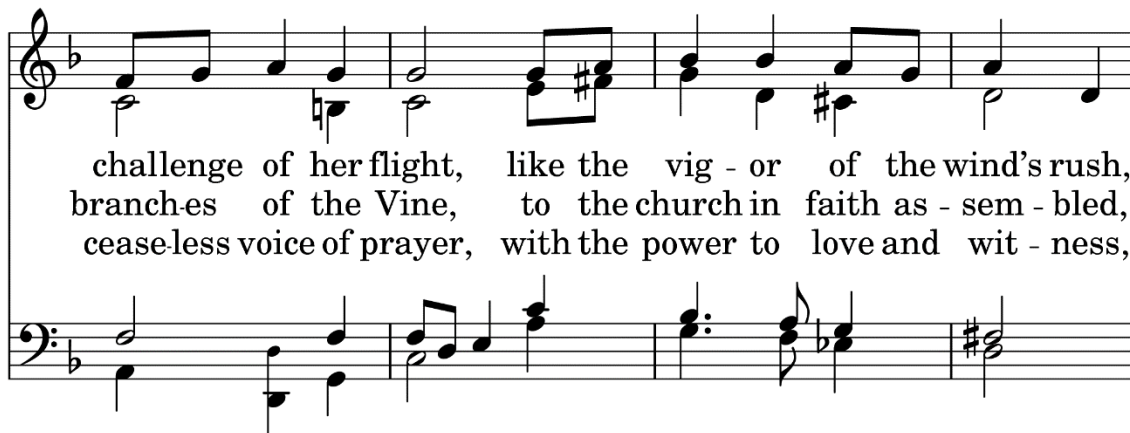
ITALIAN HYMN  
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## Like The Murmur of the Dove's Song

*Unison*


1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the  
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



challenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush,  
branches of the Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled,  
cease-less voice of prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness,



like the new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.  
to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.  
with the peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.

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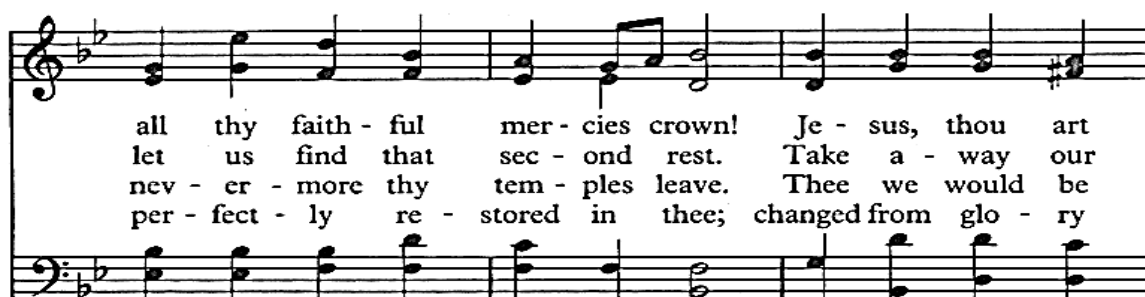
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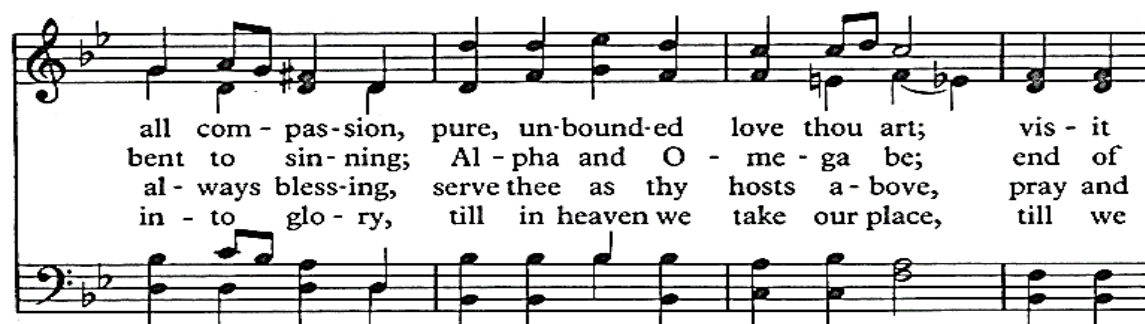
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



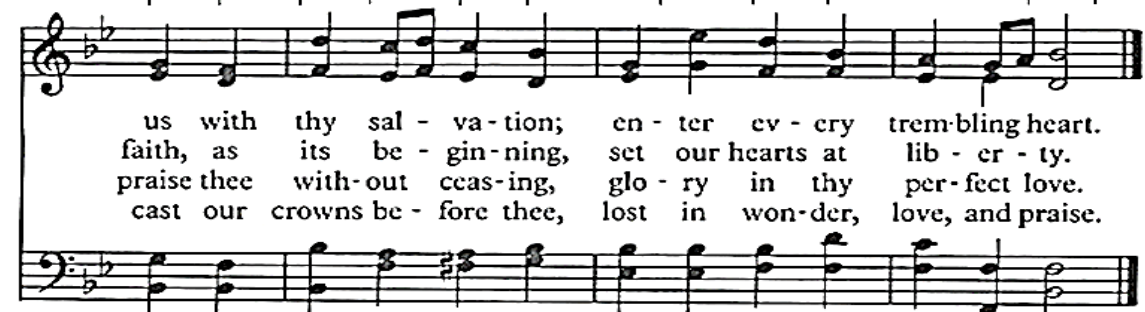
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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