



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*

*June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 16th**

**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**

Hymn of Promise    arr. John Carte

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

*The Holy One, defender of us all  
calls us to gather now.*

***We come, thankful to be a part  
of this family of faith.***

*God knows us well and calls us by name.*

***We hear our name and respond to God's call.***

***The love of Christ urges us on.***

**HYMN # 154**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***God of every thought and reality,  
the holy, prophetic sustainer of community,  
we gather here today as your people,  
children of the good news.***

***Assure us of your presence once again,  
that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,  
as we gather in the name of our Savior,  
who is Jesus, the Christ. Amen.***

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13**

- 15:34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
- 15:35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.
- 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."
- 16:2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"
- 16:3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."
- 16:4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"
- 16:5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
- 16:6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."
- 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."
- 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."
- 16:11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."
- 16:12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."
- 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Psalm 20 (Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)**

20:1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

20:2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

**20:3 May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah**

20:4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

**20:5 May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.**

20:6 Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

**20:7 Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.**

20:8 They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

**20:9 Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 (Epistle Reading)**

5:6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord --

5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

5:8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

5:9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

5:10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

5:12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

5:13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

5:14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

5:15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

5:16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Mark 4:26-34** (*Please stand for the Gospel*)

- 4:26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,  
4:27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.  
4:28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.  
4:29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."  
4:30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?  
4:31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;  
4:32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."  
4:33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;  
4:34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*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 God, you call us to live in mystery,  
to walk by faith.***

***Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.***

***It's hard to live by faith.***

***You call us to place our trust in you,  
to live according to your direction.***

***Yet we want life to make sense  
from a human point of view.***

***It's hard to live by faith.***

***You call us to feel the mystery of life,  
to marvel at the power of your love.***

***Yet it's not easy to accept your promise  
that everything old has passed away.***

***It's hard to live by faith.***

***Forgive us, holy maker of reality.***

***Forgive us for playing god  
instead of accepting our humanity.***

***We pray humbly in the name of Christ, the Redeemer. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Fear not, for our creator,  
the loving maker of all reality,  
forgives us, and redeems us from violence  
and oppression.*

*God sows the good news in tiny seeds,  
inviting us to tend the soil of community,  
and marvel as they grow.*

*In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,  
you are forgiven. Amen.*

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

## **HOMILY**

### **BAPTISM**

***Theodore (Teddy) Pettibon His parents are Lauren and Jon Pettibon and  
his sister is Margaret. His maternal grandparents are Mimi and Peter Elder.***

### **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 #707**

Hymn of Promise  
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**OFFERTORY**

Meditation on Wonderful Words of Life arr. Robert 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)*

***Holy God,  
magnificent, sustaining farmer of the future,  
receive these gifts, we pray.  
Through our offering,  
help us know in some surprising way  
that you are bringing into being  
something wonderful and new. 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 #600** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Wonderful Words of Life  
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**BENEDICTION**

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

All the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Hal Hopson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are given by **Bob & Lee Cowan** in honor of fathers on Father's Day.

### **Baptism of Theodore (Teddy) Pettibon**

**Theodore Pettibon's parents are Lauren and Jon Pettibon and his sister is Margaret. His maternal grandparents are Mimi and Peter Elder.**

### **New Members**

Last Sunday we welcomed **Jay and Maria Buehler & Ryan and Mandy Stahl** as new members to LTUMC. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them.

### **Name Tags**

The new name tags were ordered and they are in the Minnich Conference room.

### **AA Meetings Starting Thursday Nights**

We are happy to announce there will be a weekly **AA meeting starting June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM** in the Dice Hall.

### **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](mailto:bacpac@comporium.net). **If you signed up for the Bible Study please pick up your Bible Study Guide in the Minnich Conference room.**

### **Prayer Ministry**

We have a new Prayer Ministry led by Jo Ditzel and Mandy Stahl. **They are meeting the second and fourth Friday of each month from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at the church for anyone who wishes to join them in praying for the needs identified in our community and to send an occasional note to persons with a reminder Lake Toxaway UMC cares and prays for them.

If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to [LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com)

### **Parish Building Consecration & Open House – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will consecrate our new parish building on **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30 PM**. It will be open to the public and children are welcome.



## **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.***

## **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

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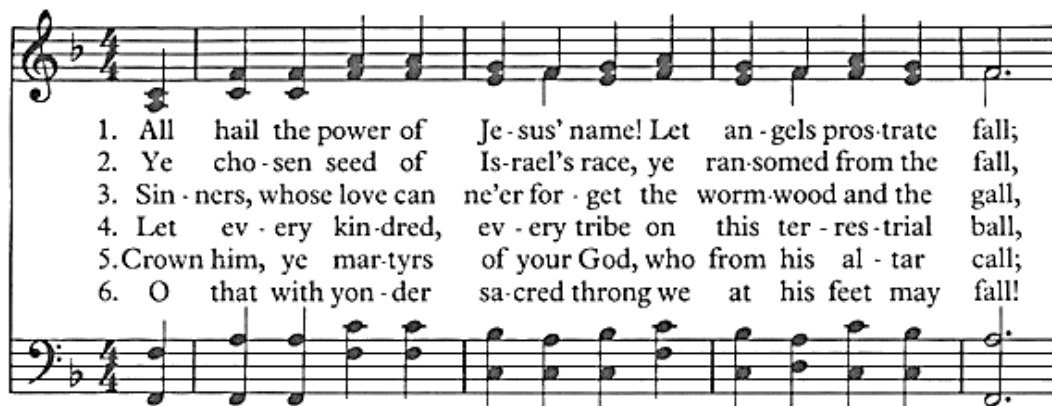
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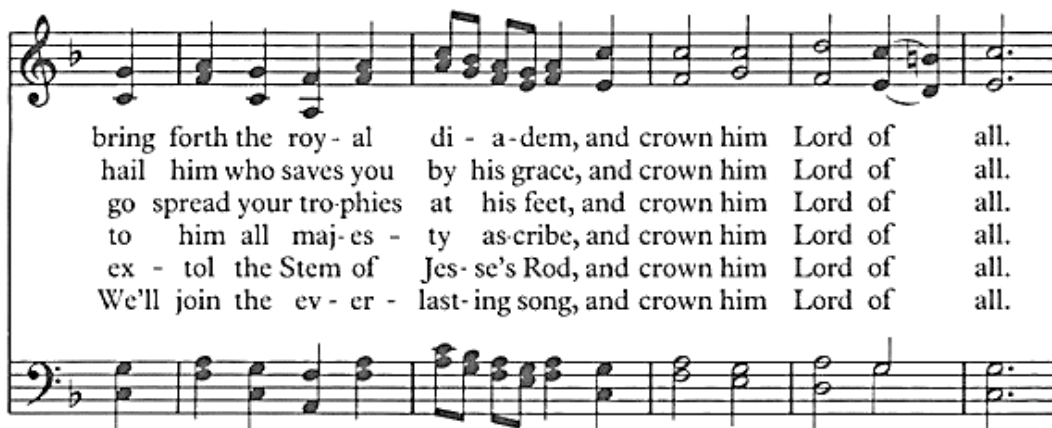
Liturgist: Cynthia Wood

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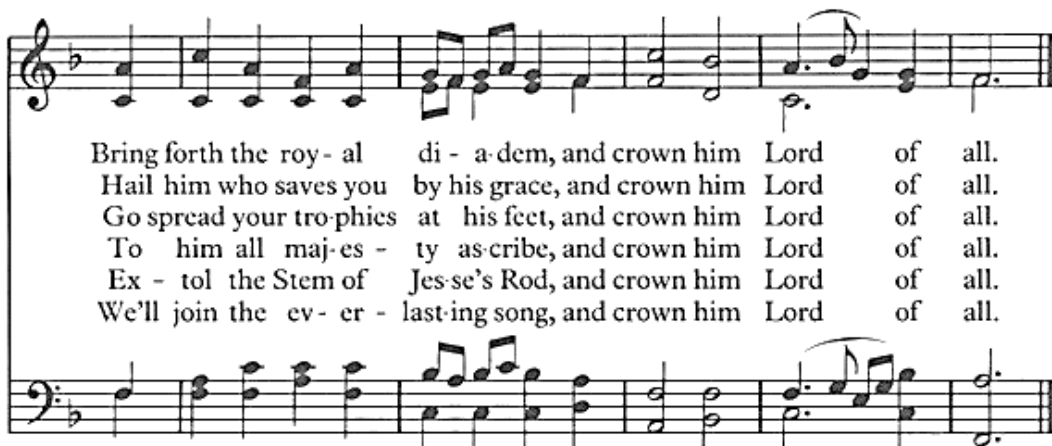
# 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,  
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.



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## Hymn of Promise

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE, *see further:*

524 Beams of Heaven  
 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices  
 655 Fix Me, Jesus  
 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

311 Now the Green Blade Riseth  
 504 The Old Rugged Cross  
 292 What Wondrous Love Is This

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# Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;  
 2. Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;  
 3. Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der-ful words of life;  
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won-der-ful words of life;  
 of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life;



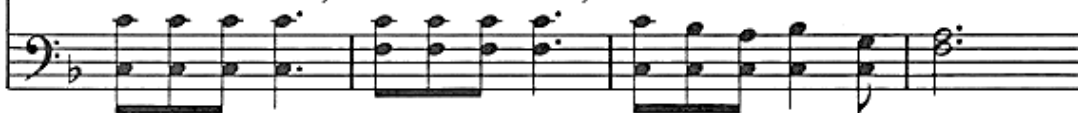
words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.  
 all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en.  
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.



*Refrain*



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



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 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

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