



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 2nd**

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

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The One who called Samuel from the darkness
continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."*

The light of Christ shines all around us.

*The One who searches us and knows us
hems us in, behind and before.*

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

HYMN #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER

***Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered,
we yearn to touch your healing power.***

***Be with us in our hour of worship
and become the joy of our salvation.***

***Our mouths long to sing your praise
and our eyes long to behold your glory.***

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

- 3:1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
- 3:2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;
- 3:3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
- 3:4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"
- 3:5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.
- 3:6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."
- 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
- 3:8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.
- 3:9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 3:10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
- 3:11 Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.
- 3:12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
- 3:13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.
- 3:14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."
- 3:15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
- 3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am."
- 3:17 Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."
- 3:18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

3:19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

3:20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (*Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text*)

Psalm 139

Ps. 139:23
Adapt. from Martin Luther
by Carlton R. Young

RESPONSE (General)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.

R

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it altogether.
- 5 You pursue me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it. **R**

- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts,
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.
Wonderful are your works!
- You know me very well;
15 my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
in your book were written
the days that were formed for me,
every day, before they came into being.
- 17 How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with you. **R**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (Epistle Reading)

- 4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
- 4:6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 4:7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.
- 4:8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
- 4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
- 4:10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.
- 4:11 For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.
- 4:12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Mark 2:23-3:6 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 2:23 One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.
- 2:24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"
- 2:25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?
- 2:26 He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."
- 2:27 Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;
- 2:28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."
- 3:1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.
- 3:2 They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.
- 3:3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward."
- 3:4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

- 3:5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- 3:6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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)

***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

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)***

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Be Thou with Me J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in awe of your omniscience, we offer our gifts today. Just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness. As we reflect on our beliefs, may our stewardship reflect our trust in your guiding hand. Guide us to embody our creed, living as a community of faith in love, service, and action. Though your essence surpasses our comprehension, we find comfort in our relationship with you. As we declare our faith, may it ignite our actions, echoing your love and care for all creation. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #463

Lord, Speak to Me
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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 #451

Be Thou My Vision

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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)

Trumpet Tune William Boyce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Planting Volunteers

Thank you to **all the volunteers** who helped plant on the new west rock wall and railroad tie wall around the parish hall. The Toxaway Falls Garden Club supported this endeavor with a financial donation and volunteers.

Outreach Update

Your LTUMC Outreach Committee annually disperses to scholars and Transylvania County non-profits at least 50% of the general annual collections. The 2023 congregational financial support to these entities and young people totaled over \$155,000.00.

If you would be interested in being an advisor to a scholar, please reach out to Fred Markert at fredmarkert47@gmail.com. You can do it remotely.

Bible Study

We are having a new Bible study starting on Sundays with Don Henderson leading it. Please see him after the service or e-mail him at bacpac@comporium.net.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

The new Our Daily Bread devotionals are at each entrance of the sanctuary.

Parish Building Consecration – June 30th

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

LTUMC Name Tags

Please let Saunders know if you want a name tag (specify your name, magnetic or pin style). Please email her at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.

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 having surgery on 6/5.

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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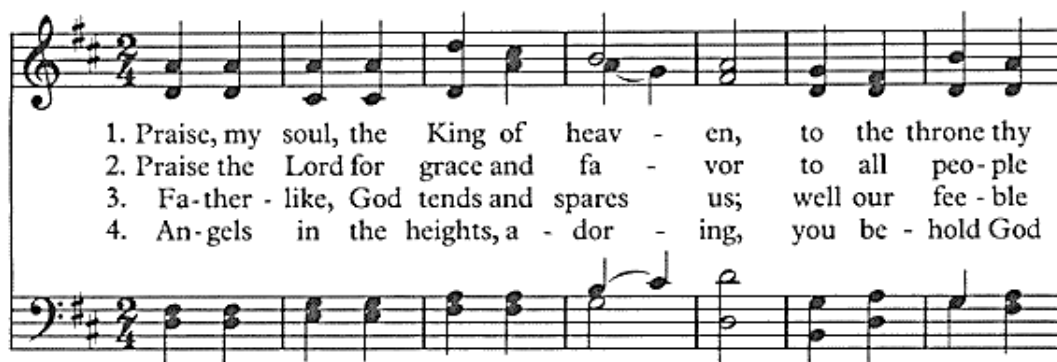
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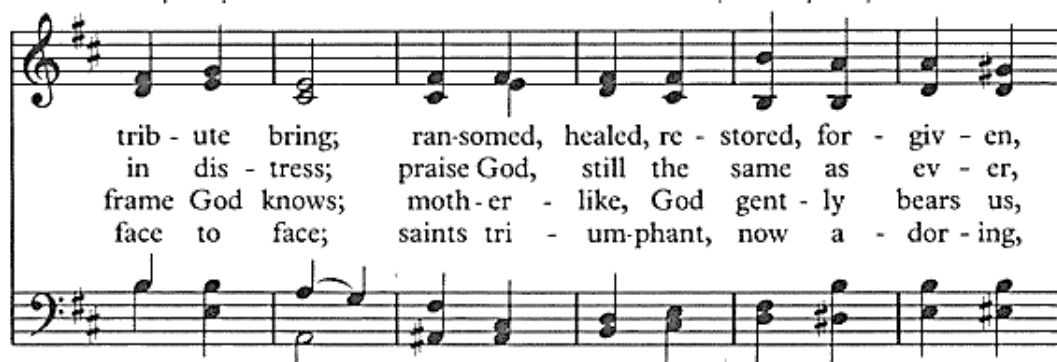
Liturgist: Brian Singleton

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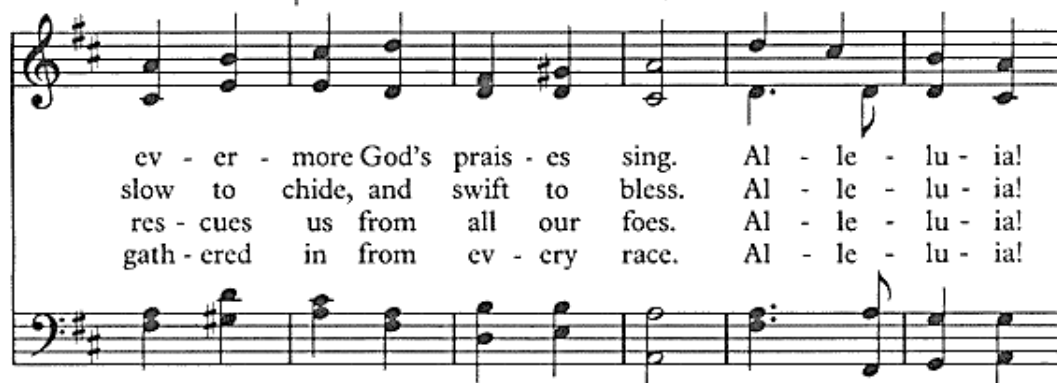
66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



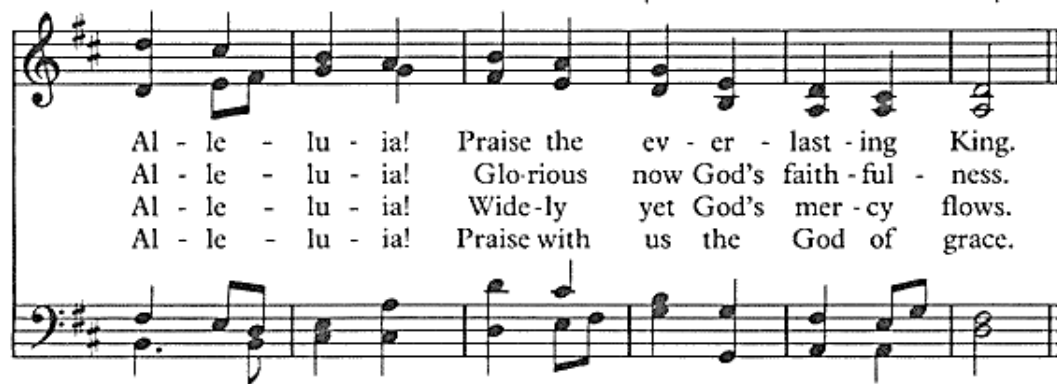
1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - umphant, now a - dor - ing,



ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

CANONBURY
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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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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

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