



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
July 14th, 2024

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14th

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg
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RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Holy Manna" Robert J. Powell

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

We come here shouting, our voices lifted in praise.

We come here singing, our songs full of joy.

We come here dancing, our hearts rejoicing.

***To the Holy One who is worthy,
all praise and glory forevermore!***

HYMN # 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,
we come to praise you.***

***We come because we want to,
we sing our songs because we are glad to,
we pray for your grace because we need to,
and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts
because without it we are a dead loss.***

***Please lift every shutter within our mind,
and open every door within our soul,
that you, the Lord of glory,
the God of countless hosts, may come in.
Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts.
Amen!***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

- 6:1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- 6:2 David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
- 6:3 They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart
- 6:4 with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
- 6:5 David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- 6:12b So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- 6:13 and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- 6:14 David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6:16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- 6:17 They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.
- 6:18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,
- 6:19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Psalm 24 (Pg. 755 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for God has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (Epistle Reading)

- 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- 1:4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.
- 1:5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace
- 1:8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight
- 1:9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,
- 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
- 1:11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
- 1:12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

- 1:13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
- 1:14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29 (Gospel Reading – Please stand as you are able)

- 6:14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."
- 6:15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."
- 6:16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."
- 6:17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.
- 6:18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."
- 6:19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,
- 6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.
- 6:21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.
- 6:22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."
- 6:23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."
- 6:24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."
- 6:25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."
- 6:26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.
- 6:27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

6:28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

6:29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.)

In the midst of our summer lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in these warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is merciful and pours God's love on us abundantly.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 (Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39)

(Please stand as you are able)

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No,

In all things we are more than conquerors

Through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! 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 #369

Blessed Assurance

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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here

Robert J. 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)*

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. 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 #577 *(Please stand as you are able)*

God of Grace and God of Glory
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Hymn to Joy arr. Albert L. Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers today are given by **Bob & Jean Merritt** for God's many blessings.*

Administrative Council Meeting – Friday, 7/19 at 10:00 AM in the Minnich conference room.

Bible Study

*The new Bible study is meeting on **Sundays, at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich conference room.*

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

We are happy to announce there will be a weekly AA meeting starting June 20th 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.

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 over the summer.

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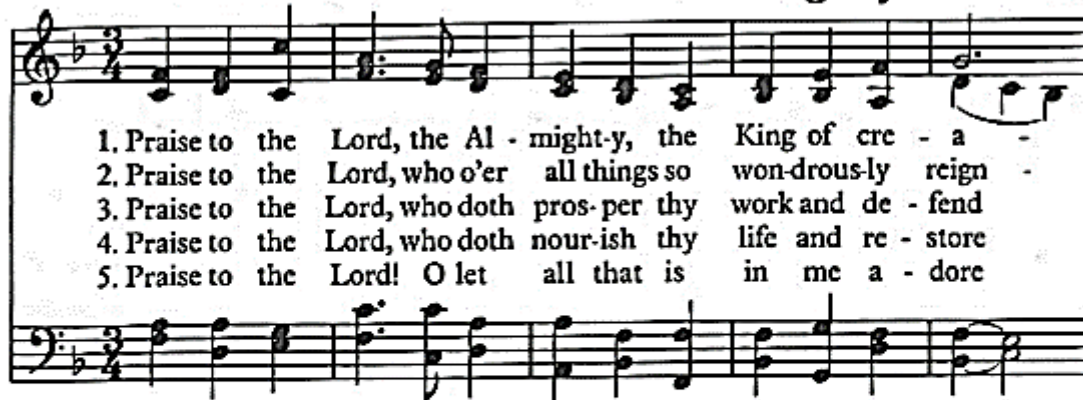
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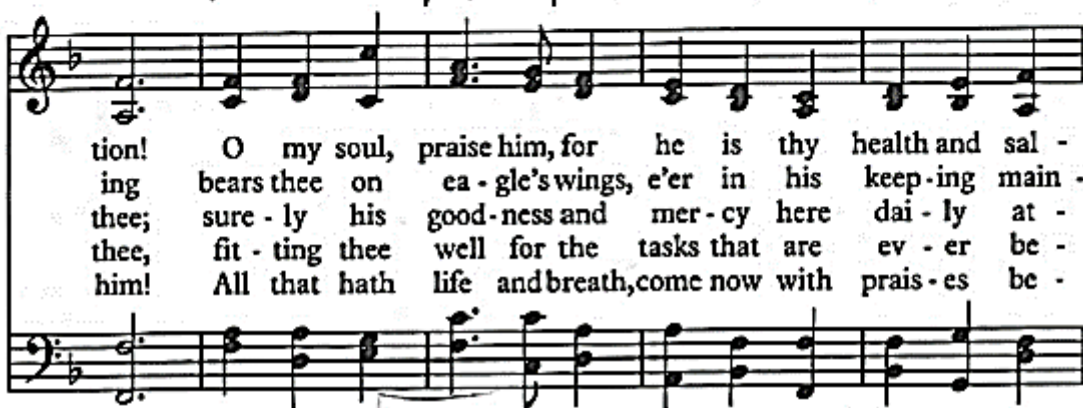
Liturgist: Cynthia Wood

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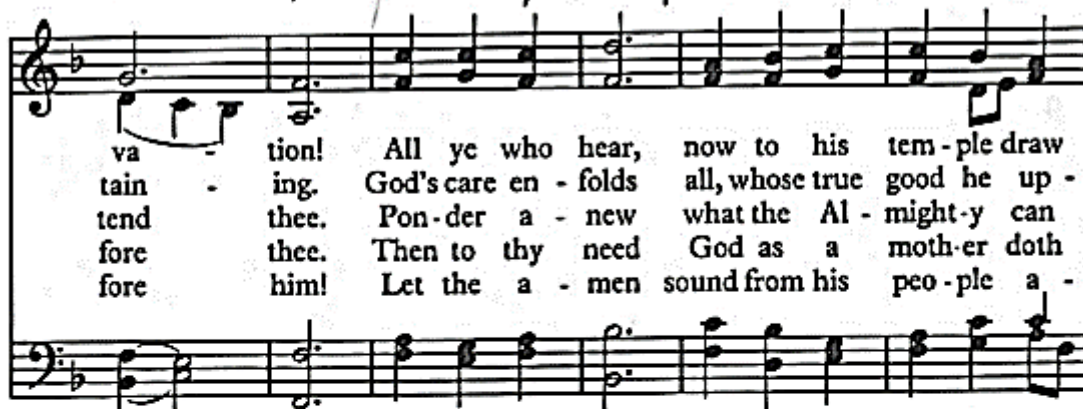
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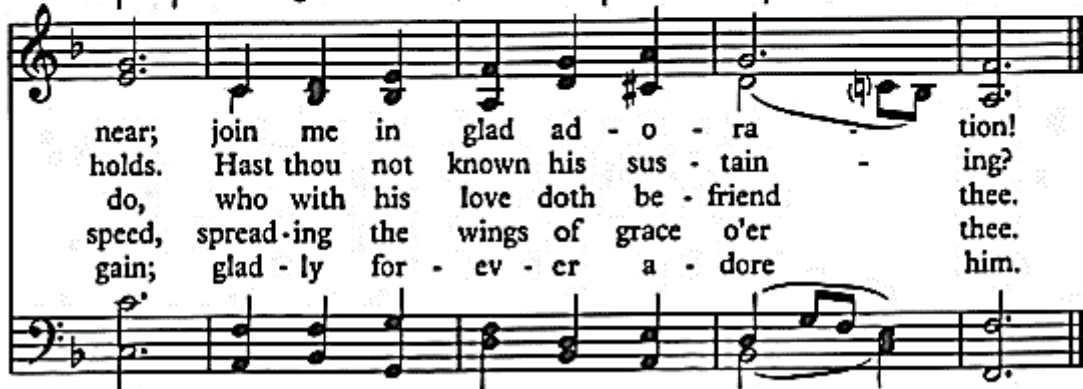
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore



tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -



va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem-ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon-der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth-er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo-ple a -



near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread-ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

this is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with some words in parentheses indicating alternative phrasings. The music ends with a double bar line.