



Lake Toxarway United Methodist Church
July 21st, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 21st

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg**

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. John Carter

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

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

members of God's family,

and brothers and sisters to one another.

There are no outsiders here among us,

no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

Let's join together in worship!

HYMN # 101

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-14a - God's promise to David

- 7:1 Now when the king was settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
- 7:2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
- 7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."
- 7:4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan,
- 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?
- 7:6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.
- 7:7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'
- 7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel,
- 7:9 and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
- 7:10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
- 7:11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
- 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 7:14a I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

**Psalm 89:20-37 (Pg. 808 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text) -
God's steadfast love**

I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
**so that my hand shall ever abide with him,
my arm also shall strengthen him.**

The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.

**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

**I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**

"He shall cry out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

**And I will make him the first-born,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him for ever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**I will establish his line for ever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my ordinances,

**if they violate my statutes
and do not keep my commandments,**

then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with scourges;

**but I will not remove from him my steadfast love,
or be false to my faithfulness.**

I will not violate my covenant,
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.**

His line shall endure for ever,
his throne as long as the sun before me.

**Like the moon it shall be established for ever;
it shall stand firm while the skies endure."**

Ephesians 2:11-22 (Epistle Reading) - Reconciled to God through Christ

- 2:11 So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--
- 2:12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
- 2:15 abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,
- 2:16 and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.
- 2:17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near,
- 2:18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
- 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
- 2:20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone;
- 2:21 in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- 2:22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Gospel Reading – Please stand as you are able)

Christ healing the multitudes

- 6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.
- 6:31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
- 6:32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
- 6:33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
- 6:34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.
- 6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

- 6:54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him
6:55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
6:56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

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.)

Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities. We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love awaits you. It has been lavished upon you as a gentle summer rain, refreshing your souls, opening your hearts, healing your wounds. Rest in God's eternal love. AMEN.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(United Church of Australia)*

(Please stand as you are able)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.***

***In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.***

***We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.***

***We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards the promised goal;
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.***

***We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.***

***We affirm that every member of the church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died,
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. 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 #472

Near to the Heart of God
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OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

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, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility 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 #463 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Lord, Speak to Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Festival Praise Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers today are given by **Bob & Jane Toney** in loving memory of their parents and Jane's sister, **Betsy**.*

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. Please e-mail prayer requests 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. Especially for Kitty Neff who is having total knee replacement on Tuesday, 7/23.

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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From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;

let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all

name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
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Near to the Heart of God

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1. There is a place of qui-et rest, near to the heart of God;
 2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
 3. There is a place of full re-lease, near to the heart of God;

D D B⁷/D[#] Em A D/A A⁷ D

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav-ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

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O Je-sus, blest Re-deem-er, sent from the heart of God,

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hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.

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

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