



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
July 28th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, July 28th

**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

Prelude on "Land of Rest" Robert Lau

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

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

HYMN # 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope;
and You give them what they need.***

***You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.
We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled - to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.***

***May the time we spend together in Your Presence
nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.***

***For You alone are God,
the Source and Sustainer of life.***

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 11:1-15 - Bathsheba and Uriah wronged by David

- 11:1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- 11:2 It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.
- 11:3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite."
- 11:4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.
- 11:5 The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."
- 11:6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.
- 11:7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going.
- 11:8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.
- 11:9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.
- 11:10 When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?"
- 11:11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing."
- 11:12 Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,
- 11:13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.
- 11:14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
- 11:15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

**Psalm 14 (Pg. 746 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text) -
God in the company of the righteous**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none that does good. if there are

The Lord looks down from heaven on all people,
to see if there are any that are wise,
who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is non that does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores their fortunes, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Epistle Reading) - Prayer to Christ

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit

3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

3:18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth

3:19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

John 6:1-21 (Gospel Reading – Please stand as you are able) - Jesus feeds 5000

- 6:1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
- 6:2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
- 6:3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
- 6:4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.
- 6:5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"
- 6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
- 6:7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."
- 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,
- 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"
- 6:10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all.
- 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
- 6:12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."
- 6:13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
- 6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."
- 6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
- 6:16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,
- 6:17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
- 6:18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

- 6:19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.
- 6:20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
- 6:21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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.)

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus. The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.

We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #889 (Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16)
(Please stand as you are able)

Leader:

*There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.*

People:

***This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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 #599

Break Thou the Bread of Life
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As the Deer arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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)*

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. 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 #129 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Trumpet Tune C. S. Lang

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Flowers on the Altar:

*The flowers on the altar are given **to the Glory of God by from Brian and Debra Singleton.***

2024-2025 Scholarship bookmarks: *the new bookmarks are in and are at each entrance of the church. We encourage you to take one and pray for our scholarship recipients.*

Bible Study – Luke for 6 weeks

*It will start **Tuesday, August 6 at 1:00 PM in the Minnich Conference room.** There is limited homework as it is the summer. Please see **Lysa Riggs** to sign up or email: **lysariggs@gmail.com.***

Bible Study – Finding Balance

*The Bible study meets on **Sundays at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich conference room and is not consecutive; come as you can. **Don Henderson** is leading this Bible Study.*

Livestream Volunteers Needed

*Have you enjoyed watching our Sunday service when you are ill, traveling or over the winter months? This is available thanks to the volunteers, but we need more volunteers. It is not a hard task and you will be trained. If you are interested, please reach out to **Joe Haraschak at joe10066@outlook.com.***

The Prayer Ministry

They meet 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 recovering from total knee replacement.

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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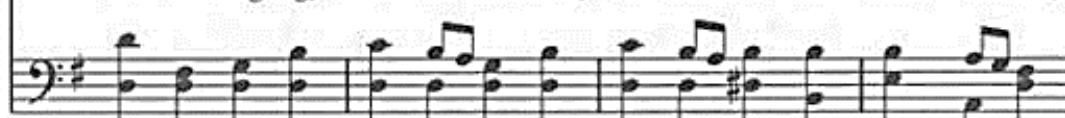
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



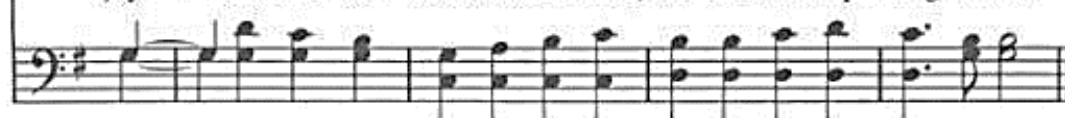
hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



Break Thou the Bread of Life

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1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;

be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;

my spir - it pants for thee, O Liv - ing Word!
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

WORDS: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

BREAD OF LIFE
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Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
3. Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
so shalt thou, won - dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard - ian care.



WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
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