



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church  
Community Worship Service & Communion  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 7th**

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

**PRELUDE**

Prelude on "Foundation"    Sam Batt Owens

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*L: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.*

***P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.***

*L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,*

***P: There God's greatness stands majestically.***

*L: God's greatness can be within the human heart.*

***P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.***

**HYMN #400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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**OPENING PRAYER**

***Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

- 5:1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.
- 5:2 For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."
- 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
- 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
- 5:5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.
- 5:9 David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.
- 5:10 And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

### **Psalm 48 (Pg. 782 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great Ruler.

**Within its citadels God has proven a sure defense.**

For lo, the kings assembled, they marched together.

**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;**

trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in travail,

**as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.**

As your name, O God, so your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

**Your right hand is filled with victory; let Mount Zion be glad!**

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

**Walk about Zion, go round about it, number its towers,**

consider well its ramparts, go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation,

**This is God, our God for ever and ever. God will be our guide for ever.**

## **2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (Epistle Reading)**

- 12:2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
- 12:3 And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows--
- 12:4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
- 12:5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.
- 12:6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,
- 12:7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.
- 12:8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,
- 12:9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
- 12:10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Mark 6:1-13 (Gospel Reading – Please stand as you are able)**

- 6:1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.
- 6:2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!
- 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.
- 6:4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."
- 6:5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.
- 6:6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.
- 6:7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.
- 6:8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

- 6:9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.
- 6:10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.
- 6:11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."
- 6:12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
- 6:13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*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*) (*Please stand*)**

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

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.***

*(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

***Merciful God,***

***forgive us when we are paralyzed  
by confusion and doubt.***

***Strengthen our faith,  
that we may not only believe,  
but may be filled with the power  
to help and heal.***

***When others reject or refuse our ministry,  
help us to be forgiving and grace-filled.***

***Grant us the courage  
to accept those things that cannot be changed,  
that we may be freed from anger and resentment.***

***Forgive us when our disappointment  
clouds our wisdom  
and confuses our actions.***

***Guide us on this path of ministry,  
that we may be filled  
with the joy of our ministry. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*God's grace is sufficient for all our needs,  
covering all our sins.*

*God's power is made perfect in our weakness,  
as Christ redeems our lives*

*and reconciles us fully and completely to God.*

*Amen and amen.*

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

## **OFFERING**

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

## **OFFERTORY**

Dove of Peace Gilbert M. Marti

## **DOXOLOGY #95**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.*

## HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #617

I Come with Joy

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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 #696

America, the Beautiful  
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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)*

God of the Ages J. Wayne Kerr

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Minnich Scholar - Elijah Eubanks**

*Elijah Eubanks will attend Gardner-Webb University, a private Christian college in Boiling Springs, NC, and is majoring in exercise science with a minor in athletic ministries. His interests include bass fishing, hiking and anything that takes him outdoors. He manages the large car wash in Brevard, a full-time job until he leaves for college. In attendance with Elijah are his parents, his sister of Pisgah Forest, and his girlfriend Evelyn.*

### **Bible Study**

*The Bible study will be on **Sundays at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich Conference room with **Don Henderson** leading it. Please contact him at [bacpac@comporium.net](mailto:bacpac@comporium.net) with questions. Each week is unique and not a continuation of the week prior.*

### **Prayer Ministry**

*They will meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month at 9:30 AM** in the sanctuary. Please email them with requests to [LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com).*

### **AA Meetings Thursday Nights**

*We are happy to announce there will be a weekly **AA meeting every Thursday at 4:45 PM** in the Dice Hall. **Out of respect and in an effort to preserve the anonymity of participants please refrain from going to the Parish Hall from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM on Thursdays.***



## **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 this summer.***

## **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

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Liturgist: Drew Prusiecki

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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## I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -  
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his  
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in  
 vi - sion ends, The love that made us makes us one, and  
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we  
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.  
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE

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## America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -  
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and  
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!  
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!  
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with  
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be  
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.  
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

WORDS: Katharine Lee Bates, 1904  
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward, 1888

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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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