



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
August 18th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 18th

**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

Be Thou My Vision Dale Wood

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

Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.

God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.

Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

HYMN # 140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***O Lord our God,
though we are as little children,
not fully able to discern the spiritual forces
coming in and out of our lives,
you have chosen us as your people.
Give your servants understanding minds
to discern between the good and evil
surrounding us each day,
that we may choose what is good and pleasing
in your sight. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 - Solomon's prayer for wisdom

- 2:10 Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David.
- 2:11 The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- 2:12 So, Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established.
- 3:3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.
- 3:4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
- 3:5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."
- 3:6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- 3:7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
- 3:8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- 3:9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"
- 3:10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
- 3:11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
- 3:12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.
- 3:13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you.
- 3:14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Psalm 111 (Pg. 832 in the Hymnal) - The beginning of wisdom (Psalter Lesson)

(Please read the bold text)

111:1 Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

111:2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

111:3 Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord whose righteousness endures for ever,

111:4 who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

111:5 The Lord provides food for the faithful and is ever mindful of his covenant.

111:6 The Lord has shown his people the power of his works by giving them the heritage of the nations.

111:7 The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;

111:8 they are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

111:9 The Lord sent redemption to his people and has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and wonderful is God's name.

111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

Ephesians 5:15-20 - Filled with the Spirit (Epistle Reading)

5:15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

5:16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

5:17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

5:18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

5:19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

5:20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58 - Christ, the true food and drink (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
- 6:52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
- 6:53 So, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- 6:54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day,
- 6:55 for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
- 6:56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.
- 6:57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
- 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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.)

Lord, we have lived as unwise people.

God, forgive us for wasting time.

We have been foolishly.

Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will.

We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.

Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you.

We have forsaken your spiritual food.

Great Triune God of grace, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your bread of heaven.

Almighty God, please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our transgressions. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is gracious to us and gentle.

The Lord heals our souls with love.

*The Lord is merciful,
providing spiritual food for the hungry.*

*Be healed in your hearts and be fed in your souls
by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #889 (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 #395

Take Time to be Holy
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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Wonderful Words of Life 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)*

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. 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 #451 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Be Thou My Vision

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Hal H. Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar are given **to the glory of God and in honor of their precious family by Les & Penny Rue.***

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

The new Our Daily Bread devotionals are located at both entrances of the church. Please help yourself to one. They start in September.

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 – 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.

Bible Study – Luke

It meets on **Tuesdays, at 1:00 PM in the Minnich Conference room**. There is limited homework. Please see **Lysa Riggs** to sign up or email: **lysariggs@gmail.com**.

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

The weekly **AA meeting is every Thursday 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. Especially for Thomas Blackstock, Tom and Kay's son.

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 as they prepare for the new school year.

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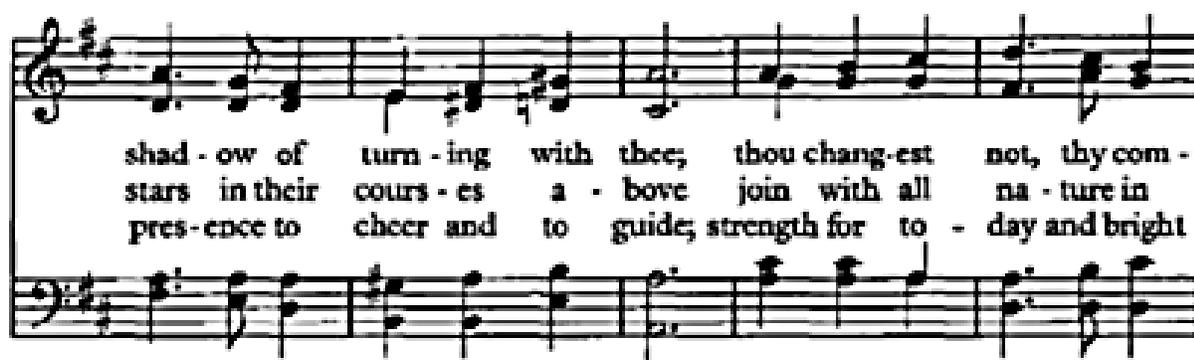
Liturgist: Carole Guffey

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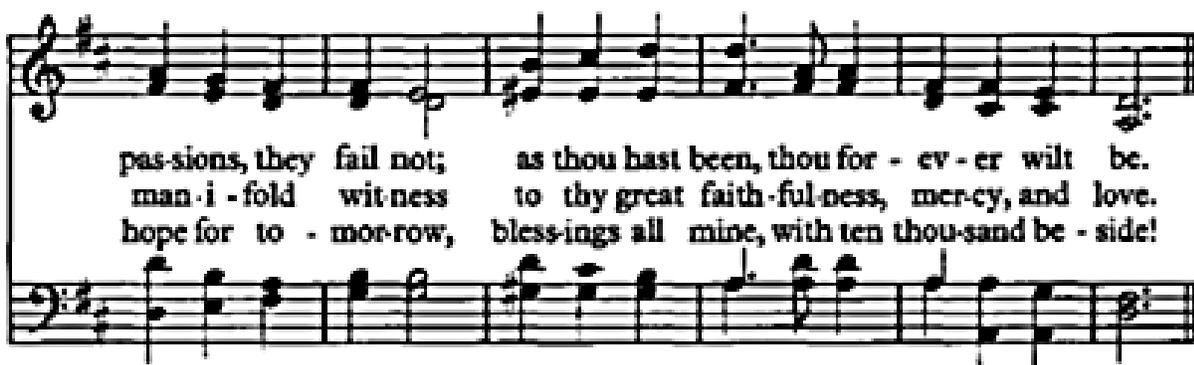
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 10/10. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS

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Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bid e in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

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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