



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 4th, 2024

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th**

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Bread of Life has come among us.

P: What is this Bread of Life?

L: It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

P: We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

L: Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

P: We come, needing sustenance and nurturing. AMEN

HYMN #64

Holy, Holy, Holy

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OPENING PRAYER

***One body, one Spirit, one hope,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all,
take this patchwork collection of persons
and quilt together your church.
Like old pieces of cloth,
take these words and songs and prayers,
take our thoughts and inner hungers,
and join them all together into a new and living fabric—
the purpose of which is to cover and color your world
(or at least our corner of it)
with grace and love. In Christ. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

- 11:26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.
- 11:27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,
- 12:1 and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.
- 12:2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds,
- 12:3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.
- 12:4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him."
- 12:5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;
- 12:6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."
- 12:7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;
- 12:8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.
- 12:9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.
- 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
- 12:11 Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight.
- 12:12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight."
- 12:13a David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Psalm 51 (Pg. 785 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson – Create in me a clean heart

(Please read the bold text)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgement.

Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;

Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broke and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Ephesians 4:1-16 (Epistle Reading) - Maintain the unity of the faith

- 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- 4:3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:
- 4:4 there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
- 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

- 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
- 4:7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- 4:8 Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."
- 4:9 (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?)
- 4:10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)
- 4:11 He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
- 4:13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
- 4:14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming;
- 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
- 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6:24-35 Gospel Reading – Christ, the bread of life

(Please stand as you are able)

- 6:24 So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
- 6:25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
- 6:26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
- 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."
- 6:28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"
- 6:29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

- 6:30 So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?"
- 6:31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 6:33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 6:34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God, in this time of offering, we come before you, acknowledging your steadfast grace and boundless love. As we present our gifts, may we also offer our contrite hearts, recognizing the depth of our humanity and the need for your healing touch. Grant us the courage to confront our failings and the wisdom to seek reconciliation and renewal in your divine presence. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #618

Let Us Break Bread Together
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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 #127

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah
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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)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist:

Please extend a warm welcome to Vinelle Davis, our guest organist today. She has played for us over the years.

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. It is not consecutive; come as you can. Don Henderson is leading it.

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 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.*

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 on Thursdays.*

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*

2024-2025 Scholarship Prayer Bookmarks

The new bookmarks are at each entrance of the church. Please take one and pray for our current scholars

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 surgery.

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.

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 1, 2
(.)
 2. Let us
 3. Let us

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me) 4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,

Fine

O Lord, have mer-cy if you please. (if you please)

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and
 the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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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

LIVING GOD
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