



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 1st, 2024

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 1st

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

PRELUDE

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

HYMN #66

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor— the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 - *Song of love*

- 2:8 The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.
- 2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
- 2:10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away,
- 2:11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
- 2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
- 2:13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 - *Anointed with the oil of gladness (Psalter Lesson)*

(Please read the bold text)

- 45:1 My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- 45:2 You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore, God has blessed you forever.**
- 45:6 Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
- 45:7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**
- 45:8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- 45:9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

James 1:17-27 - *Be doers of the word (Epistle Reading)*

- 1:17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- 1:18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
- 1:19 You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,
- 1:20 for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.
- 1:21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

- 1:22 But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
- 1:23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;
- 1:24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.
- 1:25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.
- 1:26 If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.
- 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - Authentic religion (Gospel) (Please stand as you are able)

- 7:1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,
- 7:2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.
- 7:3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;
- 7:4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.)
- 7:5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?"
- 7:6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;
- 7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'
- 7:8 "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
- 7:14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
- 7:15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."
- 7:21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder,
- 7:22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly.
- 7:23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 as you are able*)

*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

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

OFFERTORY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we bring these offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude, inspired by the beauty of your creation and the love that binds us. Just as the Song of Solomon celebrates love's arrival, we dedicate these gifts to further your kingdom with joy and patience. May they bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting your love for all. Help us to be stewards of your grace and love in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
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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 #540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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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*)

Postlude on a Shape Note Tune Bradley C. Hunnicutt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to the Markerts

Thank you to Fred & Paula Markert for hosting the BLT dinner last Wednesday at their home.

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.

Bible Study – Luke

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.

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.

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

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

The new quarterly Our Daily Bread devotionals are in and located at both doors of the church. Please help yourself.

2024-2025 Scholarship Prayer Bookmarks

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

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 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 as he has been diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma at this point. He will need more tests and chemo treatments for his long journey.

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 pray for the families and friends of Jayden Reynaldo & Layne Jones, the 16-year-old Rosman football players who died in an ATV accident last Sunday.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff for this new school year.

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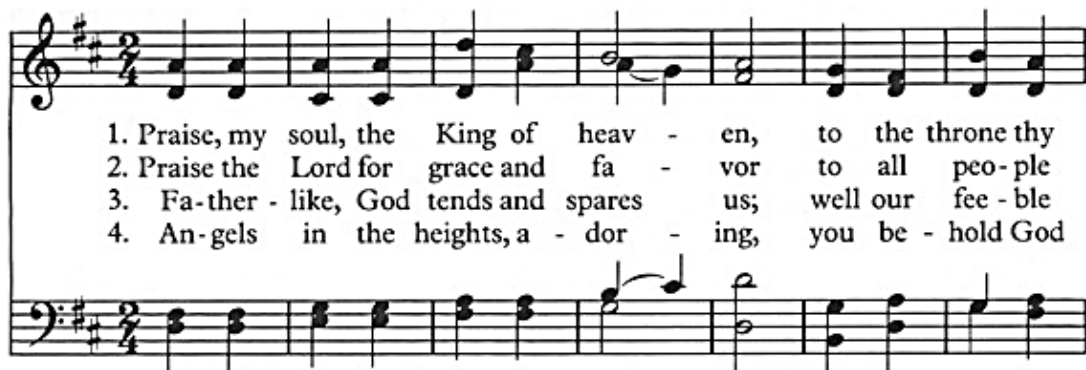
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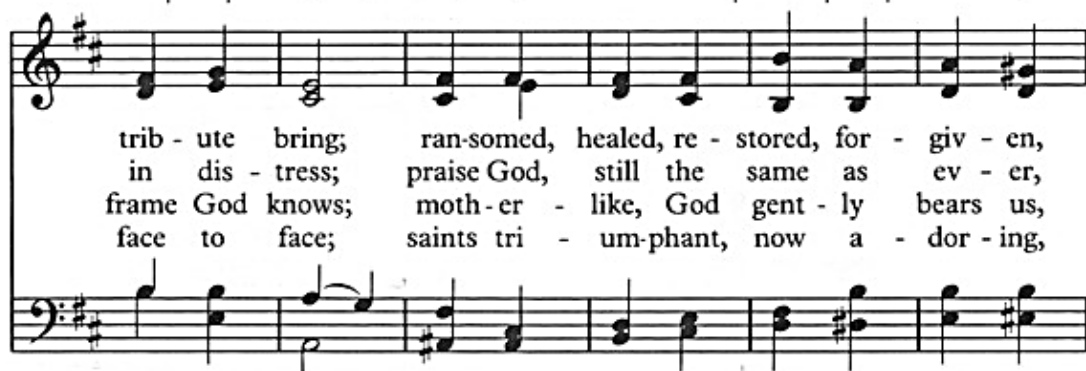
Liturgist: Drew Prusiecki

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66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



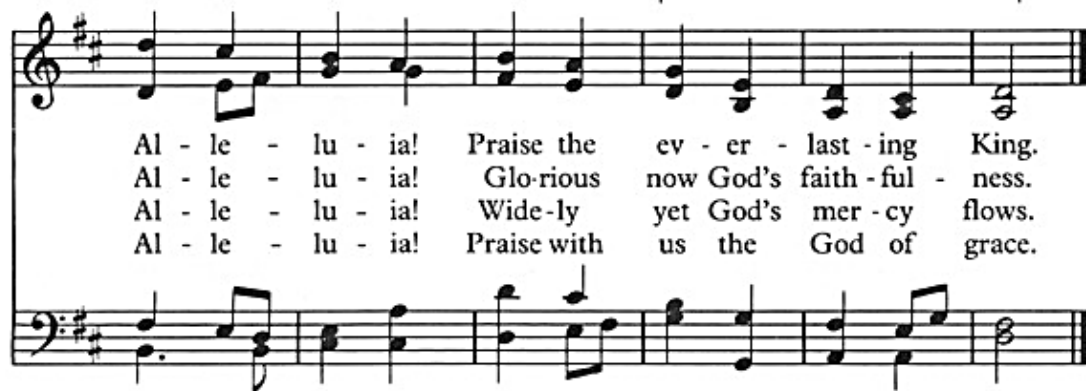
1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,



ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874.

MARYTON
 LM

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed between the two systems.

1. I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls be-fore thee stand dear
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as-cend, to
4. Be - yond my high-est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways, her
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

church our blest Re - deem-er saved with his own pre-cious blood.
as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav-en on thy hand.
her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
sweet com - mu-nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
bright-est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright-er bliss of heaven.

WORDS: Timothy Dwight, 1801
MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS
SM

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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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