



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
September 22nd, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sept 22nd

**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

Hymn Douglas E. Wagner

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

Who is wise and understanding among us?

***Those who seek wisdom and understanding
each and every day. Those who delight in God
and meditate on God's law.***

*Come, learn more about the wisdom from above,
a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.*

***O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!
We draw near to you.***

HYMN # 181

Ye Servants of God

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***We draw near to you, O God,
Source of all understanding,
and ask you to draw near to us as we worship You this day.
Teach us your wisdom from above,
that we may bear good fruit in our lives.
Root us beside the streams of your wisdom,
that the green leaves of our goodness,
fed by your insight,
may not wither. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-31 - *The capable wife*

- 31:10 A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- 31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- 31:12 She does him good and not harm all the days of her life.
- 31:13 She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands.
- 31:14 She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away.
- 31:15 She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her female servant.
- 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 31:17 She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
- 31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 31:19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 31:20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 31:21 She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- 31:22 She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 31:23 Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- 31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 31:28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her:
- 31:29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31:31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 1 - The way of the righteous (Pg.738 UMH) (Psalter Lesson)

(Please read the bold text)

- 1:1 Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked; **or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers,**
- 1:2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, **and on God's law they meditate day and night.**
- 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither. **In all that they do, they prosper.**
- 1:4 The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,**
- 1:6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a (Epistle Reading)

- 3:13 Who is wise and understandable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.
- 3:14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth.
- 3:15 This is not wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
- 3:16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.
- 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
- 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
- 4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
- 4:2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
- 4:3 You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
- 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 4:8a Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37 - Prediction of the passion (Gospel) (Please stand as you are able)

- 9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it,
- 9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."
- 9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- 9:33 Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"
- 9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."
- 9:36 Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them,
- 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.)

O God,

we live our lives as best we can—

dealing with difficult relationships and situations,

putting failures and disappointments behind us,

and moving into each new day

with as much energy, goodwill,

and optimism as we can muster.

But here, right now,

we seldom have the right answers,

we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,

we just move ahead.

Forgive us for not asking for your insight.

Fill us with your wisdom,

that we may live lives

of goodness and peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*When we come before God in humility and honesty,
God draws near to us with forgiveness
and renewed blessing.*

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 #402

Lord, I Want to be a Christian
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here David Cherwien

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)*

God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. 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 #421 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Make me a Captive, Lord
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Prelude in F major Johann Krebs

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Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Stephen & Cynthia Wood** in memory of her father, **Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr**, who would have celebrated his 91st birthday today.*

Livestream Volunteers Needed

*We need more volunteers to help provide the livestream. 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

Bible Study – Sunday Mornings

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 – Tuesday Afternoons Concluded & Thank You

The six-week Bible Study of Luke has concluded. **Thank you to Lysa Riggs for leading this Bible Study.**

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.

We pray for Doug & Sally Bailey. Doug is undergoing some tests and is waiting on results and next steps. Sally has a long-term health condition. Their address is Doug & Sally Bailey, 3 Seaside Ln., Unit 701, Belleair, FL 33756.

We pray for Thomas Blackstock, Tom and Kay's son as he has been diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma. Marcus announced how they may like cards. Their address is Tom, Kay & Thomas Blackstock, 208 Hidden Lane #58, Sapphire, NC 28774.

We pray for the Harvill family as Andy is in hospice care. Their address is Anita & Andy Harvill, P.O. Box 5, Sapphire, NC 28774.

Please pray for Char Holbrook for continued healing from a blood clot that went from her leg to a lung. Their address is John & Char Holbrook 1900 N. Atlantic Ave., Unit #702, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

Suzi Sheffield has requested our prayers for Jane Sheffield, her mother. Jane has late-stage cancer and suffered a stroke last week. They welcome any and all prayers.

We pray for John McColskey who has been transferred to Prisma Health in Greenville. He is having heart issues.

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.

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Ye Servants of God

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save,
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4. Then let us a - dore and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh, his pres - ence we have;
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might;

the name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744 (Rev. 7-9-12)
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708

HANOVER
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402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart,

in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more lov-ing
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho-ly
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je-sus

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
 William Farley Smith, 1956

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Int.

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in my heart. In my heart,
 (in my heart) (in my heart)

in my heart, (in my heart) Lord, I want to

be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more lov-ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more ho-ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 be like Je-sus in my heart. (in my heart)

421 Make Me a Captive, Lord

1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, and then I shall be free.
 2. My heart is weak and poor un - til it mas - ter find;
 3. My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
 4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;

Force me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall
 it has no spring of ac - tion sure, it va - ries
 it lacks the need - ed fire to glow, it lacks the
 if it would reach a mon - arch's throne, it must its

con - queror be. I sink in life's a - larms when
 with the wind. It can - not free - ly move till
 breeze to nerve. It can - not drive the world un -
 crown re - sign. It on - ly stands un - bent a -

by my - self I stand; im - pris - on me with -
 thou hast wrought its chain; en - slave it with thy
 til it - self be driven; its flag can on - ly
 mid the clash - ing strife, when on thy bos - om

WORDS: George Matheson, 1890 (Eph. 3:1)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
 SMD

in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
 match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.
 be un - furled when thou shalt breathe from heaven.
 it has leant, and found in thee its life.