

Dear Lake Toxaway UMC Family and Community,

Greetings in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who keeps You all week long, and by the Love of God, fully revealed in the Life and Love of Jesus, continues to redeem you!

I hope you have experienced this love of God this week and the Holy Spirit's presence has been a guide and comfort in your lives this week whether you are celebrating Father's Day remotely or with your families; whether you are facing illness and challenge or enjoying a time of blessing and recreation. I encourage us to reach out to each other and to offer love and tangible help to those in situations of need.

Kim and I will have returned from a week of celebration and change. We will have moved Maggie into her apartment in Syracuse and Jeremy into his apartment in Atlanta. They both begin their jobs tomorrow, June 22. Emilee remains home and has an announcement in the bulletin about a program where she is working this summer and has a need for volunteers. I express deep appreciation for the ways you have supported my family and celebrated with us the accomplishments of our children. You have prayed with us they would mature in the faith of Jesus; please continue your prayers for them. Because of the business of this previous week, I needed to take a Sunday off (I'm not used to moving 2 places in one week). I appreciate Shelly Webb's willingness to preach today. She is a friend and colleague in ministry. She has a deep passion to serve the Transylvania Community in the name of Christ. Her work among the poor and persons in crisis is an extension of our ministry!

Even though we cannot gather in church together, we are still the church together! May we remember church is not a building but a people. Following as a disciple of Jesus requires us to allow the love of God to shine in us to others. Jesus shows us the way. Having Shelly preach and the Mission Moment by Cathie Fussell invites us to consider some of the things we can do every day to love God and love others. (Shelly has a difficult task with the lectionary texts for today!)

Please read the announcements carefully and especially the one related to our unfolding plans for worship as we move forward during this time of pandemic! Please pray for the leadership team at Lake Toxaway in the challenges of trying to find ways to gather again in our building to worship. This has required creativity and prayer as never before in my ministry as a chaplain and pastor!

I close with a benediction from John Claypool:

Depart now in the Fellowship of God the Father, and as You Go, Remember, In Goodness of God You were Born into this World; By the Grace of God You Have Been Kept All the Day long, Even Until this Hour; And by the Love of God, Fully Revealed in the Face of Jesus, You. . .are ...Being...Redeemed. Amen.

With a heart of love for you that joins you as a Christ follower,
Marcus

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Home Worship for Community Worship
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2020**

<https://youtu.be/9rJIU-MnpmI>

PRELUDE

Prelude in C J. S. Bach

GREETING

L: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

P: We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.

L: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

P: We humbly praise God for such a gift!

L: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

P: Praise be to God at all times and in all places! AMEN.

HYMN 101

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
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INVOCATION

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again Jesus Christ gave His life so we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 21:8-21

21:8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

21:9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

21:10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

21:11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

- 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.
- 21:13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."
- 21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.
- 21:15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.
- 21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.
- 21:17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.
- 21:18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."
- 21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.
- 21:20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.
- 21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (Read Responsively)

- 86:1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 86:2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**
- 86:3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
- 86:4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 86:6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**
- 86:7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
- 86:8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**
- 86:9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- 86:10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**
- 86:16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.
- 86:17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Romans 6:1b-11

- 6:1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
- 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?
- 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life.
- 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.
- 6:7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.
- 6:8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- 6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6:10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

- 10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;
- 10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
- 10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.
- 10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
- 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
- 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
- 10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.
- 10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- 10:32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;
- 10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
- 10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
- 10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
- 10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
- 10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
- 10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
- 10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

L: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

P: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

Forgiving and gracious Lord, we come here this day with so many things on our hearts. We've managed to get through spring and are heading toward the complexities of the summer months. These months for many will be times of transition; children graduating from school and heading out into the world; young people getting married; families planning vacations; some people planning retirement. For others the transitions may be from healthy living to lives filled with illness and pain. We confess that we haven't always paid attention to these transitions, unaware of the spiritual and emotional adjustments that they require of those in the process. Forgive us when we get so busy with our own lives that we don't take time to reach out to someone who is ill; someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one; someone who feels lost and alone. Remind us again of how Christ offered his whole life that we might live. He taught us how to be people of compassion and reconciliation. Be with us as we seek to turn our lives around, back toward you, O Lord; for it is in Jesus' Name that we offer this prayer. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dear friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness. We are made whole through His boundless love. AMEN. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

MISSION MOMENT (Cathie Fussell)

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Holy Manna arr. Sam B. Owens

DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Wondrous God of the universe who finds time to whisper your love to us: we come to your altar with grateful hearts. When you speak your love into our quiet moments, it is the most precious gift of all. It is not a gift for us to hold and hide, but to proclaim from the housetops! May the gifts we offer to you this morning, proclaim your love loudly to a world that often feels forgotten. We pray this in the name of your son, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you reached out to us in our distress and lifted us up. You give us new life and we are grateful. For some of us this has been a wonderful week; but for others trials and troubles seem to crowd into their lives. We ask your loving presence with all your people, O Lord. Heal our wounded spirits; restore a sense of joy in our lives. Today we name in our hearts and with our voices those who are in need of your healing love. (Time for naming people or situations in need of God's healing love. Please share those names out loud as you are willing). We thank you that you reach out to them, to all those whom we have named and for those whose names are in our hearts. Help us to be witnesses to the power of Jesus Christ to make those changes in our lives. And now we continue in prayer as Christ taught us when we pray to say:

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 #129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor Johann Pachelbel

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Announcements

Welcome to Guest Preacher

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Shelly Webb as our guest preacher today. Shelly is the Executive Director of Transylvania Christian Ministry (TCM)/Sharing House in Brevard. She is an ordained Methodist elder in the Western North Carolina. She has served churches in Davidson, Brevard, and East Asheville. She is a native of Hendersonville.

We are pleased to support the ministry she directs and thankful for this ministry that has risen up the numerous challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteer Opportunity

Hi! My name is Emilee Dodson and I am the enrichment coordinator for a Summer Literacy Program being hosted at Brevard FUMC. **The Summer Literacy Program was started and funded by the Duke Endowment, specifically for small, rural communities like Brevard!** We have 21 rising 1st and 2nd graders who are behind their average reading level and are coming to this program to help catch them back up to speed. The morning portion of the program is very reading intensive, and the afternoon portion is an enrichment period that aims to broaden the children's horizons.

We have protocols in place to keep the children distanced while still providing a meaningful program for them as well as approval from our insurance company and the Western Carolina United Methodist Conference.

What do we need? The summer reading program needs **YOUR** help! We especially need:

VOLUNTEERS- Come in once from 12:30 to 3:00 or one afternoon a week for up to 6 weeks. The children are 6, 7, and 8 years old and well-behaved. We need lots of volunteers because we are keeping class sizes at 5 and socially distanced. Can't think of what you would do? We can help you with that!

Contact Emilee Dodson (me): ejdodson@ncsu.edu (828) 553-8953

Bless the children and be blessed by them at the Brevard FUMC Summer Literacy Program!

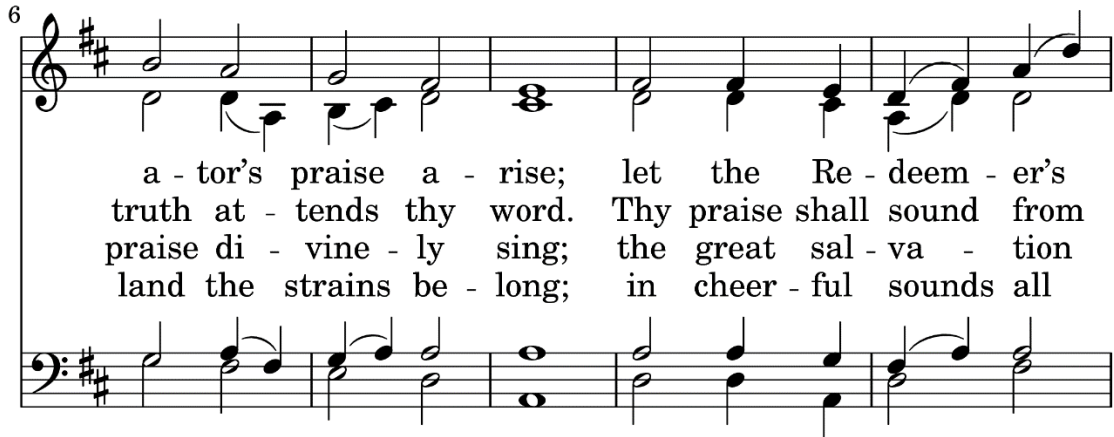
Outreach Announcements

The work of the Holy Spirit continues to be evident during these challenging times. You, our LTUMC congregation, via the Outreach Committee, distributed in May another \$17,000 to our not-for-profit Transylvania County partners. Among these recipients was The Sharing House, Shelly Webb, executive director. To date in 2020, our church has contributed \$10,000 to The Sharing House as well as \$24,000 to other partners.

The Lake Toxaway UMC is blessed to have a beautiful memorial garden adjoining our historic sanctuary. Fred Markert (fredmarkert47@gmail.com) is looking for volunteers to serve in a pastoral care manner for services held at the garden. Please contact him for more information.



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies, let the Cre-
 2. E - ter-nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter-nal
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring, in songs of
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery



a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all



name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro-claim, and shout for joy the Savior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud-est praise.

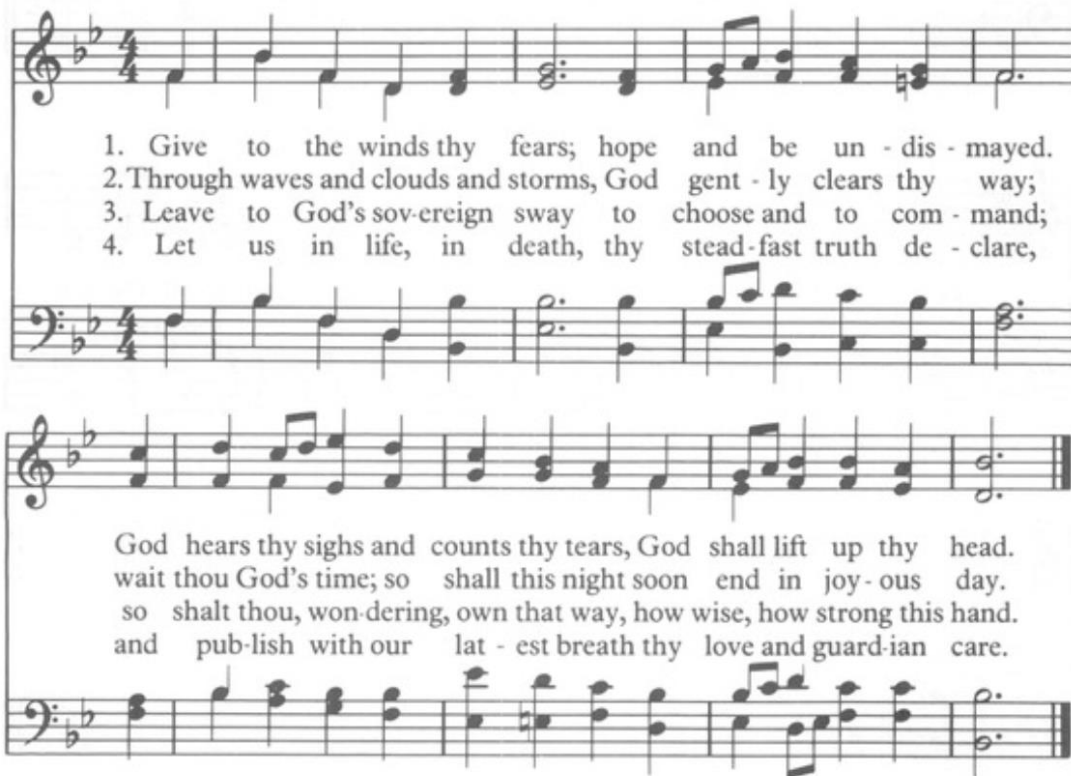
United Methodist Hymnal 101

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)

MUSIC (DUKE STREET, LM): John Hatton, 1793

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
 3. Leave to God's sov-ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
 4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead-fast truth de - clare,

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
 wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 so shalt thou, won-dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
 and pub-lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard-ian care.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
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