



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 13th 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 13th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/p1r7LoAbrA4>

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply my Need arr. John Carter

GREETING

God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.

"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

*God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son,
David, to be king.*

"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

*We join with Christ and are a part
of God's new creation.*

O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.

***Gather us in, O Holy One,
for we would be your people.***

May it be so!

HYMN #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Located in the back of the bulletin - (Printed w/ permission)

OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

***God of every thought and reality,
the holy, prophetic sustainer of community,
we gather here today as your people,
children of the good news.***

***Assure us of your presence once again,
that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,
as we gather in the name of our Savior,
who is Jesus, the Christ.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

- 15:34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
- 15:35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.
- 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."
- 16:2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'
- 16:3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."
- 16:4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"
- 16:5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
- 16:6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."
- 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."
- 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."
- 16:11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."
- 16:12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."
- 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (Please read responsively the bold text)

17:22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

17:23 On the mountain height of Israel, I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

17:24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

5:6 So, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord --

5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

5:8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

5:9 So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

5:10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

5:12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

5:13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

5:14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died.

5:15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

5:16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

5:17 So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4:26-34 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 4:26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
4:27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.
4:28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.
4:29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
4:30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?
4:31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;
4:32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."
4:33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;
4:34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

***Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,
to walk by faith.***

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

***You call us to place our trust in you,
to live according to your direction.***

***Yet we want life to make sense
from a human point of view.***

It's hard to live by faith.

***You call us to feel the mystery of life,
to marvel at the power of your love.***

***Yet it's not easy to accept your promise
that everything old has passed away.***

It's hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

***Forgive us for playing god
instead of accepting our humanity.***

AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Fear not, for our creator,
the loving maker of all reality,
forgives us, and redeems us from violence
and oppression.*

*God sows the good news in tiny seeds,
inviting us to tend the soil of community,
and marvel as they grow.*

*In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,
you are forgiven.*

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors

through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! 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.***

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Morning Has Broken" John A. Behnke

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Holy God,
magnificent, sustaining farmer of the future,
receive these gifts, we pray.
Through our offering,
help us know in some surprising way
that you are bringing into being
something wonderful and new. Amen.*

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 #545

The Church's One Foundation
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. Robert A. Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

Today's orchid arrangement are given by Dell Anderson's family in loving memory of her mother, Dorie Sims.

LTUMC Website Member login

We are in the process of having you sign up on our LTUMC website. You will have future access to our online directory and committee agendas and meetings if you serve on a committee. We will have sign-ups for hospitality, flowers, ushers, counters. Please go to our website to register: <https://www.laketowawayumc.org/index.php/members/register>. Please reach out to Saunders at 469-569-2314 or administrator@laketowawayumc.org with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for John & Becky Shoemaker's son, John. Don & Nancy Buebendorf, Kirk Smith, John & Sue Thomas, Katherine Jeter, Thomas Blackstock, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Cathie Fussell's nephew, Jeff Tilley, Madison Coleman & the Jeter family, Bill Holden, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son and Frank Hardin.

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months.

Please pray for those with illness, upcoming surgery and recovery. Please pray for them, their recoveries and spouse/caregiver.

Please pray for all student scholars and especially those who are attending a summer semester.

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1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joice, re-joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 (Ps. 20:4; 147:1; Phil. 4:4)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

MARION
 SM with Refrain

545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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