



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 10, 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Be Still My Soul

David Cherwien

The Call to Worship

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

People: Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.

Leader: Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

People: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

People: lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant.

People: Save me in your unfailing love!

The Hymn No. 172

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter pages 764-765 using response 2

Psalm 31:1-16

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Response:

Francis of Assisi
trans. by William H. Draper
Geistliche Kirchengesänge
harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

- 1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness, deliver me!
- 2 **Incline your ear to me,**
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- 4 **take me out of the net which is hidden for me,**
for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- 6 **I hate those who pay regard to vain idols;**
but I trust in the Lord
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction,
and have taken heed of my adversities.
- 8 **You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;**
you have set my feet in a broad place.

Response

- 9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief,
my soul and body also.
- 10 **For my life is spent with sorrow,**
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away
- 11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,

- an object of dread to my acquaintances
those who see me in the street flee from me.
- 12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**
- 13** For I hear the whispering of many ---
terror all around!---
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
- 14 But I trust in you, O Lord,
I say, "You are my God."**
- 15** My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- 16 Let your face shine on your servant;
save me through your steadfast love!**

Response

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 534

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People:



The Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:



The Sermon

Where to Look When You Feel Lost

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

**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 Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Music

Drew Willson and Lee Covington

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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.**

The Hymn No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord give us that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults: Drew Willson
Director of Music: Stanley M. Baker
Pianist: Lee Covington
Video: Rachel Bates

Scriptures

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

¹⁴ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to

the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[e] for anything, I will do it.