



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 14, 2020**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## The Prelude

*Träumerei* (Dreaming), from Scenes from Childhood, Opus 15, No. 7 Robert Schumann

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## The Greeting

**The Hymn of Praise No. 100** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us* LAUDA ANIMA

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus  
raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
worship ancient, worship new.
2. Word of God from nature bringing  
springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing,  
ocean waves thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
as creation's tale is told.
3. Holy God of ancient glory,  
choosing man and woman, too;  
Abram's faith and Sarah's story  
formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
to your covenant keep us true.
4. Covenant, new again in Jesus,  
Starchild born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us  
how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
risen Christ, our Savior he!
5. Lift we then our human voices  
in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices  
lives that, like our music sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
joined in love our praises ring!

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## The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, this day we will hear of the miracles  
that have inspired people to be your disciples.**

**We will hear of Sarah, who in her old age, conceived a son;  
we will hear of the disciples who are given the mandate to heal,  
to raise the dead, to proclaim the kingdom  
and the good news of God's redeeming love.**

**We stand in that long line of those who are called.**

**We are ready to work for you that this broken world may be healed.  
Amen.**

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

**Response:**

Ps. 116:19b, 8  
Carlton R. Young



- 1 I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications,
- 2 and has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called.
- 3 **The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
**“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”**

**Response**

- 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- 6 **The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 **I walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.**
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted.”
- 11 **I said in my consternation,  
“All humans are a vain hope.”**

**Response**

- 12 What shall I return to the Lord  
for all my benefits?
- 13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presences of all his people.
- 15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,  
in the presence of all his people,  
19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!**

### **Response**

#### **The Hymn No. 299**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ROCKINGHAM

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Sermon**

*From Longing to Laughter*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

#### **The Offertory Prayer**

#### **The Offertory Solo**

*What Shall I Render unto the Lord*  
Sam Cook, bass-baritone

Frank La Forge

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?  
I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and will call upon the name of the Lord.  
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.  
Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19

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#### **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. 664**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

THE ASH GROVE

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*March*

William Walton

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***We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.***

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

# Scripture

## Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

### A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

### The Birth of Isaac

21 The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”