



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 21, 2020**

**Third 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**

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Charles H. Gabriel

**The Greeting**

**The Hymn No. 140**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain:***

- Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***
  3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain***

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**The Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **All-merciful, tender God,  
you have given birth to our world,  
conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes.  
We come to you as your daughters and sons,  
aware of our aggression and anger,  
our drive to dominate and manipulate others.  
We ask you to forgive us,  
and by the gentle touch of your Spirit  
help us to find a renewed sense of compassion,  
that we may truly live as your people in service to all. Amen.**

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## The Pardon

### The Psalter

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- 1 Lord, listen closely to me and answer me,  
because I am poor and in need.
- 2 **Guard my life because I am faithful.**  
**Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God!**
- 3 Have mercy on me, Lord,  
because I cry out to you all day long.
- 4 **Make your servant's life happy again**  
**because, my Lord, I offer my life to you,**
- 5 because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.
- 6 **Listen closely to my prayer, Lord;**  
**pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy.**
- 7 Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you,  
because you will answer me.
- 8 **My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods!**  
**There is nothing that can compare to your works!**
- 9 All the nations that you've made will come  
and bow down before you, Lord;  
they will glorify your name,
- 10 **because you are awesome**  
**and a wonder-worker.**  
**You are God. Just you.**
- 16 Come back to me! Have mercy on me!  
**Give your servant your strength;**  
**save this child of your servant!**
- 17 Show me a sign of your goodness  
so that those who hate me will see it and be put to shame—  
**show a sign that you, Lord,**  
**have helped me and comforted me.**

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### The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Sermon

*How to Become an Expert Archer*

Rev. Drew Willson

### The Hymn No. 593

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to hem. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

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**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

*Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

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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. 2170**

*God Made from One Blood*

ST. DENIO

1. God made from one blood all the families of earth.  
the circles of nurture that raised us from birth,  
companions who join us to walk through each stage  
of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.
2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
for all of the families we've known through the years,  
the intimate networks on whom we depend,  
of parents and partner and roommate and friend.
3. We learn through our families how closeness and trust  
increase when our actions are loving and just.

- Yet, families have also distorted their roles,  
mistreating their members and bruising their souls.
4. Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm  
a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform  
sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart  
and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.
  5. Then widen that wisdom and grace to include  
the races and viewpoints our families exclude  
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud  
of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

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## **The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

*We Know that Christ Is Raised*

Charles Villiers Stanford

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

Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

# Scriptures

## Genesis 21:8-21

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### Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

8 The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. 9 Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

11 This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. 12 God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. 13 But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." 14 Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. 15 Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. 16 She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

17 God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. 18 Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. 21 He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.