



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 2, 2020**

**Ninth 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** *Basse de Cromorne* (The Bass of the Cromorne Stop) Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**The Greeting**

**The Hymn of Praise No. 480** *O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths  
its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze  
its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms  
red life that shall endless be.

**The Opening Prayer**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** **In the darkness of night and the brightness of day,  
you, O Lord, are present to us.**

**As we wrestle with situations**

**which seem to drain us of our energy;**

**as we struggle to find out who you call us to be,**

**you reach out to us with reassurance of**

**empowerment and courage for the days ahead.**

**Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives**

**to receive your awesome grace.**

**It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalter page 749 with response**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

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

**Response:**

Ps. 17:8

Jane Marshall



Keep me, keep me as the ap-ple of your eye; hide me, hide me in the sha-dow of your wings.

- 1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!  
**Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!**
- 2 From you let my vindication come!  
**Let your eyes see the right!**
- 3 If you try my eart, if you visit me by night,  
**if you text me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.**
- 4 Concerning what others do:  
I have avoided thways of the violent  
by following your word.
- 5 **My steps have held fast to your paths,  
my feet have not slipped.**

**Response**

- 6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
**incline your ear to me, hear my words.**
- 7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 15 **As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your  
presence.**

**Response**

**The Hymn No. 496**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

SWEET HOUR

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

**The Old Testament Lesson**

Genesis 32: 22-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

*Wrestling for the Right Things*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

David L. Mennicke

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,  
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!  
My company before is gone,  
And I am left alone with thee.  
With thee all night I mean to stay,  
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am,  
My misery and sin declare;  
Thyself hast called me by my name,  
Look on thy hands and read it there.  
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?  
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
But confident in self despair!  
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,  
Be conquered by my instant prayer.  
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,  
And tell me if thy name is love.

'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me,  
I hear thy whisper in my heart.  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,  
Pure, Universal Love thou art.  
To me, to all, thy mercies move;  
Thy nature and thy name is Love.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88  
Based on Genesis 32:23-30

## 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. 672

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

1. God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### ***Refrain:***

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;  
neath his wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. ***Refrain***
3. God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put his arms unfailing round you;  
God be with you till we meet again. ***Refrain***
4. God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. ***Refrain***

## The Benediction

## The Postlude

*Caprice sur les Grands Jeux* (A Lively Piece for the Loud Stops) Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*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
Singers:	Emily Downey, Lynn Kotrady, Todd Minnich, Sam Cook
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

## Scripture

### Genesis 32:22-31

#### Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

<sup>22</sup> The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

<sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.