



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 16, 2020**

**Eleventh 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**

*Make Us One*

MAKE US ONE

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## **The Greeting**

Leader: You have come from afar  
and waited long, and are wearied.

People: **Let us sit side by side,  
sharing the same bread  
drawn from the same source  
to quiet the same hunger  
that makes us weak**

Leader: Then standing together,  
let us share the same spirit,

People: **the same thoughts  
that once again draw us together  
in friendship and unity and peace.**

## **The Hymn No. 265**

*O Christ the Healer*

O WALY WALY

1. O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?
2. From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.
3. How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
4. In conflicts that destroy our health  
we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
5. Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

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## **The Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.  
 Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
 with your healing love.  
 Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,  
 and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.  
 By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts  
 and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.  
 Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,  
 and bind us together in that unity  
 which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Pardon**

Our God kisses us with kindness,  
 forgives our sins, preserves our lives,  
 and restores our souls.  
 Receive now the gift for which you've hungered:  
 you are forgiven and healed  
 in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Old Testament Lesson**

Genesis 45:1-15

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

**The Sermon**

*The Mirror of Erised*

Rev. Drew Willson

**The Hymn No. 390**

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

RISING SUN

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| <p>1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"<br/>         you taught us, Lord, to pray;<br/>         but you alone can grant us grace<br/>         to live the words we say.</p> | <p>3. In blazing light your cross reveals<br/>         the truth we dimly knew:<br/>         what trivial debts are owed to us,<br/>         how great our debt to you!</p>                 |
| <p>2. How can your pardon reach and bless<br/>         the unforgiving heart<br/>         that broods on wrongs and will not let<br/>         old bitterness depart?</p>    | <p>4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,<br/>         and bid resentment cease;<br/>         then, bound to all in bonds of love<br/>         our lives will spread your peace.</p> |

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**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Music**

*Lord, Speak to Me*

CANONBURY

**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. 560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

LANCASHIRE

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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## The Benediction

## The Postlude

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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
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

# Scripture

## Genesis 45:1-15 (CEB translation)

### Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

<sup>1</sup> Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, “Everyone, leave now!” So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh’s household heard him. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?” His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified before him.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. <sup>6</sup> We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. <sup>8</sup> You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> “Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: ‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. <sup>10</sup> You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. <sup>11</sup> I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’ <sup>12</sup> You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I’m speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you’ve seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup> He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. <sup>15</sup> He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.