



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2020

The Twenty-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

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp

The Welcome

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, we are always seeking guidance
for the journey you have placed us on.
We would like it if everything was spelled out
so that we knew what to expect.
But that's not the way life works.
You have told us that we should always be ready
to seek you and to serve you.
Open our hearts today
and remind us of your awesome love
for us throughout all the generations,
for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2147

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

YES, GOD IS REAL

1. There are some things I may not know,
there are some places I cannot go,
but I am sure of this one thing,
that God is real for I can feel God deep within.

Refrain

Yes, God is real, real in my soul;
yes, God is real for God has washed and made me whole;
God's love for me is like pure gold,
yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

2. Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn,
all can desert and leave me alone,
but as for me I'll take God's part,
for God is real and I can feel God in my heart. **Refrain**

3. I cannot tell just how you felt
when Jesus took your sins away,
but since that day, yes since that hour,
God has been real for I can feel God's holy power. **Refrain**

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The Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Sermon

When Death Intrudes

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Adam Gumpeltzhaimer

Rejoice, rejoice, believers and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is advancing, and soon He draweth nigh,
Up, pray and watch and wrestle! At midnight come the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.
Go meet Him as He cometh with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Up, up, ye heirs of glory! The Bridegroom is at hand.

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
Tr., Sarah Findlater, 1854

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The Introduction to the Service of Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has
opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

The Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Colin, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brother in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Rej
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

The Benediction

The Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Healey Willan

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*It is our joy to celebrate the baptism of Colin Michael Smith,
son of Mike and Wendy Smith. Colin was born February 3, 2020.*

We thank these persons who helped us 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
Singers:	Emily Downey, Regan Sprenkle Todd Minnich, Sam Cook

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Coming of the Lord

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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