



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 14, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

**The Prelude**

*To God Be the Glory*

William H. Doane

**The Welcome**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Great Triune God,  
we have gathered here in your name  
as an act of faith,  
believing that you are not only among us,  
but that you love us.  
It is often hard to recognize your love,  
see your mercy,  
and feel your presence.  
Help us today in our worship,  
that we might be transparent to your grace,  
as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2172**

*We Are Called*

WE ARE CALLED

1. Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

***Refrain***

We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart,  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! ***Refrain***

3. Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain**

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**The Scripture Lesson**

John 3:14-21

**The Sermon**

*Excavating the Familiar*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*Behold the Son of God*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Come behold, all ye that languish, come behold the Son of God.  
God who loved the world hath given him, to unfold eternal life.  
Not condemning came our Master, but to save the world he came,  
In Christ Jesus is no condemnation, Spirit's law hath set us free.

Text from John 3, Romans 8, Mark 10, adapted by M. B. Sterns

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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. 2121**

*Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

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1. O Holy Spirit, Root of life,  
Creator, cleanser of all things,  
anoint our wounds, awaken us  
with lustrous movement of your wings.
2. Eternal Vigor, saving One,  
you free us by your living Word,  
becoming flesh to wear our pain,  
and all creation is restored.

3. O holy wisdom, soaring power,  
encompass us with wings unfurled,  
and carry us, encircling all,  
above, below, and through the world.

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## **The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

Nicolas LeBegue

*We thank these persons who helped us 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
Singer:	Todd Minnich
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran, Jane Covington, Chris Junker

# **Scripture**

## **John 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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