



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**The Prelude**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish melody

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples  
with the gospel of Easter  
and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace,  
surprise us this day.**

**Take from us the presumption  
that leans on our strength instead of yours,  
that mistakes our wisdom for yours,  
and equates our will with yours.**

**Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always  
still holds good.**

**And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus,  
to make us whole and to make us holy.**

**The Hymn No. 308**

*Thine Be the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

***Refrain:***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. ***Refrain***
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. ***Refrain***

**The Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 4

**The Sermon**

*Letting God Babysit the World*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Duet**

*Peace Be unto You*

Franz Schubert

“Now peace be unto you.” This was our Master’s blessing,  
God’s peace which passeth understanding.  
“Though you may have great tribulation here, be of good cheer,  
the world have I overcome.”  
Our God doth keep that man in perfect peace,  
whose mind is ever stayed upon his God.  
Be of one mind and live in peace.

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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. 2241**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

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| 1. The spirit sends us forth to serve;<br>we go in Jesus' name<br>to bring glad tidings to the poor,<br>God's favor to proclaim.       | 3. We go to be the hands of Christ,<br>to scatter joy like seed<br>and all our days, to cherish life,<br>to do the loving deed. |
| 2. We go to comfort those who mourn<br>and set the burdened free:<br>where hope is dim, to share a dream<br>and help the blind to see. | 4. Then let us go to serve in peace,<br>the Gospel to proclaim.<br>God's Spirit has empowered us;<br>we go in Jesus' name.      |

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## The Benediction

## The Postlude

*Minuet Finale* (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)

George Frederic Händel

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***We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.***

Senior Pastor:	Dr. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Regan Sprenkle
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran Jane Covington Glenn Thomsen

# Scripture

## Psalm 4

### Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

*To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*
- <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

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