



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 25, 2021**

**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**

*Prelude on "Llangloffan"*

Robert Chamberlin

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## Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel,  
you provide for us far more than we expect  
or imagine possible.**

**Calm our fears; speak peace to us;  
lead us beyond ourselves.**

**Gather us with all the saints in the church  
to glorify you for your mighty deeds.**

**We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 439**

*We Utter Our Cry*  
**omit stanzas 4 & 5**

using alternate tune HANOVER

- 1 We utter our cry: that peace may prevail,  
that earth will survive, and faith must not fail.  
We pray with our life for the world in our care,  
for people diminished by doubt and despair.
- 2 We cry from the fright of our daily scene  
for strength to say "No" to all that is mean:  
designs bearing chaos, extinction of life,  
all energy wasted on weapons of death.
- 3 We lift up our hearts for children unborn;  
give wisdom, O God, that we may hand on,  
replenished and tended, this good planet Earth,  
preserving the future and wonder of birth.
- 6 Whatever the ill or pressure we face,  
Lord, hearten and heal, give insight and grace  
to think and make peace with each heartbeat and breath,  
choose Christ before Caesar and life before death!.

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**The Scripture Lesson**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

**The Sermon**

*Chekhov's Guns*

Rev. Hal Breitenberg

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*Panis Angelicus*

Todd Minnich, tenor  
César Franck

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	The bread of angels
<i>Fit panis hominum.</i>	is the bread of men.
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	The bread of heaven
<i>Figuris terminum.</i>	gives end to all fears.
<i>O res mirabilis.</i>	Oh, what a marvel!
<i>Manducat Dominum</i>	The poor, the slave, the humble
<i>Pauper servus et humilis.</i>	now partake of the Lord.

**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. 425**

*O Crucified Redeemer*

LLANGLOFFAN

1. O Crucified redeemer,  
Whose life blood we have split,  
To you we raise our guilty hands  
And humbly own our guilt;  
Today we see your passion  
Spread open to our gaze;  
The crowded street, the country road,  
Its Calvary displays
2. We hear your cry of anguish,  
We see your life outpoured,  
Where battle fields run red with blood,  
Our neighbours' blood, O Lord;  
And in that other battle,  
The fight for daily bread,  
Where might is right and self is king,  
We see your thorn-crowned head

3. The groaning of creation,  
Wrung out by pain and care,  
The anguish of a million hearts  
That break in dumb despair;  
O crucified Redeemer,  
These are your cries of pain;  
O may they break our selfish hearts,  
And love come in to reign.

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## **The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

*Chaconne*

Louis Couperin

***This morning we welcome Rev. Hal Breitenberg to the pulpit.***

E. Harold "Hal" Breitenberg, Jr. is associate professor of religious studies at Randolph-Macon College. An ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Hal is a parish associate at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Susan, live in Glen Allen. Their two daughters, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live in Richmond.

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.***

## **Scripture Readings**

### **2 Samuel 11:1-15**

#### **David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba**

11 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab

and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.”<sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,<sup>13</sup> David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

### **David Has Uriah Killed**

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

## **John 6:1-21**

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

<sup>6</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.