

Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Tenth 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

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

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The Call to Worship

Leader: We do not live by bread alone, but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

People: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

All: Come, let us worship and give thanks!

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Loving Trinity, your justice is the working out
of your mercy and peace on earth.**

**Nourish us with the power of the Son,
and let us grow into his image and likeness.**

**Humble us in our self-conceits
so that we act not arrogantly
but with humility, patience,
forbearance, and love.**

**Equip us for ministry on behalf
of all who cry out to you.**

**Help us to live lives worthy of the calling
to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 623

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

PENITENTIA

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

3. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
4. Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove; but thou art here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
5. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:24-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Bread and Belief

Rev. Jim Melson

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with
our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

The Bread of Life
Sam Cook, bass-baritone

Frederick Koch

Then answered Jesus and said unto them:
“It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing;
The words that I speak unto you; they are Spirit and they are Life.
I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger;
and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
I am the living bread which came down from Heav’n.
If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.
And the bread that I will give is my flesh,
which I will give for the life of the world.
I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger;
and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
As the living Father hath sent me; and I live by the Father;
So he that eateth me, ever he shall live by me.
“It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing;

from John 6; adapted by Denice R. Koch

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion,
remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,
with your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert; adapt. by Richard Proulx

6 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
11 power and might. _____ might. _____
16 Heav - en and earth are full, _____ full _____
Bless - ed is he who comes _____ in the
21 of _____ your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
name of the Lord. _____ ()
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.


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(The congregation may be seated.)

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles H. Webb




Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ — will come a - gain.

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles Webb



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Hymn No. 634

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

1. Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

2. With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

3. To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Wilbur Held

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

Today, we welcome Rev. Jim Melson to the pulpit.

Jim is the Executive Director of Cornelius Corps, which focuses on equipping people for a shared journey of racial justice/reconciliation and spiritual formation. He has served as the Director of Spiritual Formation at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Arlington, VA. He is an ordained UMC pastor was the associate pastor here at Centenary from 1982-1986.

He is married to Vickie, and they have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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