



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 15, 2021**

**Twelfth 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**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**The Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the bread of life, to teach us his ways, feed us with his flesh and blood, and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God our Living and Loving Creator,  
we give you thanks for sending our Lord Jesus Christ  
to give his life as bread for the world.**

**Fill us now with your Spirit that we may make the most of the time,  
understanding your will and expressing your wisdom  
in the midst of the people you have chosen.**

**The Hymn No. 339**

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

HURSLEY

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call;  
the invitation is to all.  
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!  
All things in Christ are ready now.
3. Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,  
ye restless wanderers after rest;  
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,  
in Christ a hearty welcome find.
4. My message as from God receive;  
ye all may come to Christ and live.  
O let his love your hearts constrain,  
nor suffer him to die in vain.

5. This is the time, no more delay!  
This is the Lord's accepted day.  
Come thou, this moment, at his call,  
and live for him who died for all.

**The Scripture Lesson**

John 6:51-58

**The Sermon**

*Look at All You've Got Going for You!*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*O God, I Will Praise Thee*

Lynn Kotrady, mezzo-soprano  
Heinrich Schütz

O God, I will praise Thee with my whole heart  
in the council of the upright and in the congregation.  
Great are the works of Jehovah;  
he who heeds them finds therein his pleasure,  
His commandments are deserving of glory;  
the rule of his righteousness endureth evermore.  
For He hath set up a memorial of all His wonders.  
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
Unto them that fear him hath he given meat.  
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.  
He maketh known to His people  
His wonderful deeds and mighty acts,  
that He may give them the heritage of the heathen,  
The works of His hands are verity and judgment.  
All His commandments are sure, they are righteous,  
for they shall endure forever and evermore  
and are done in truth and uprightness.  
Redemption He hath sent unto His people;  
He commanded His covenant forever and forevermore;  
holy and reverent is His name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
therein lieth true understanding.  
Who lives thereby, his praise endureth evermore,  
who bides thereby, his praise endureth evermore.

Psalm 111

**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. 102**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello

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***Welcome back, Rev. Matt Bates!***

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

# Scripture Readings

## Psalm 111

### Praise for God's Wonderful Works

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- <sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

## John 6:51-58

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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