



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Thirteenth 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

Become to Us the Living Bread

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The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

People: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Living God, your Son Jesus Christ
has the words of eternal life.**

**Grant that we may come to him in faith,
follow him in this world,
and abide with him forever in the world to come;
for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 630

Become to Us the Living Bread

GELOBT SEI GOTT

1. Become to us the living bread
by which the Christian life is fed,
renewed, and greatly comforted:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Become the never-failing wine,
the spring of joy that shall incline
our hearts to bear the covenant sign:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. May Christians all with one accord
united around the sacred board
to praise your holy name, O Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Scripture Lesson

John 6:56-71

The Sermon

Jesus Might be Lord, But He's Not Pushy!

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Todd Minnich, tenor
Franz Joseph Haydn
arranged by Carl Fredrickson

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
My heart crieth out for the living God.
O blessed are they that dwell with Thee.
O blessed are they that dwell in Thy house,
for they will still be praising Thee.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
O Lord of Hosts, hear Thou my prayer,
Give ear to my prayer, I would dwell with Thee;
Be Thou my sun and shield.

Psalm 84:1-2, 4

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. 599

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Afro-American Spiritual

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

The beautiful altar flowers last Sunday and today are provided by Mary Sue Sanderlin from her garden. We are so grateful to her for sharing her flowers and artistic talents with us!

Scripture Readings

Psalm 84

The Joy of Worship in the Temple

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
- ² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*
- ⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
- ⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

John 6:56-71

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ 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.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.” ⁷¹ He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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