



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fifteenth 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

Heal Us, Emmanuel

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Call to Worship

Leader: We are blind, yet we believe that we see.

People: Lord, heal our blindness.

Leader: We utter words of prejudice and hatred, yet we believe that our words hold compassion.

People: Lord, heal our thoughts and our words.

Leader: Help us to see our compassionate Lord.

People: Help us to hear Jesus' words of forgiveness.

Leader: Reach into our hearts, Lord, and give us healing.

People: Reach into our lives, Lord, and teach us to love. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord of mercy and compassion,
be with us this day as we hear
of the healing love of Jesus.**

**Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion
and we are called to bring
the same hope and love to others.**

Prepare us for service in His Name. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2172

We Are Called

WE ARE CALLED

1. Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Refrain**
3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain**

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The Scripture Lesson

John 6:24-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Could Listening Change the World?

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

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
God Has Done All Things Well

Megan O'Brien, mezzo soprano
Johann Sebastian Bach

*Gott hat alles wohlgemacht.
Seine Liebe, seine Treu
Wird uns alle Tage neu.
Wenn uns Angst
und Kummer drücket,
Hat er reichen Trost geschicket,
Weil er täglich für uns wacht.
Gott hat alles wohlgemacht.*

God has done all things well.
His love, his faithfulness
are new every day for us.
When anxiety
and care press upon us,
he has sent rich consolation,
For he watches over us day after day.
God has done all things well.

Mark 7:37b

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. 266

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

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1. Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer;
we wait to feel thy touch;
deep-wounded souls to thee repair,
and Savior, we are such.
2. Our faith is feeble, we confess
we faintly trust thy word;
but wilt thou pity us the less?
Be that far from thee, Lord!
3. Remember him who once applied
with trembling for relief;

"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"

4. She, too, who touched thee in the press
and healing virtue stole,
was answered, "Daughter, go in peace:
thy faith hath made thee whole."

5. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
to touch thee if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
send none unhealed away.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Make Us One

Carol Cymbala

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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