



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth 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

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane

Call to Worship

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

People: We hear and struggle to understand.

Leader: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

People: We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

**All: Let us worship the God of life and wisdom
whose words guide our life on the right paths.**

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves—our words, our thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2087

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

WE WILL GLORIFY

1. We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.
2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness,
we will worship Him alone.

3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
he is Lord of all who live;
he is Lord above the universe,
all praise to him we give.
4. Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.

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The Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

The Sermon

Our Questions Define Us

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

Emily Downey, soprano

Thou, O Lord, art my Protector and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14b

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

Let Kings and Prophets Yield Their Name

MELITA



1. Let kings and proph-ets yield their name To Je - sus, true A -
2. But God re - veals to search - ing faith The truths that pi - ous
3. Give us, O God, the grace to know The lim - its of our



noint - ed One, For whom a na - tion looked in hope Yet
dog - mas hide: When Je - sus asked the twelve his name, Blunt
cer - tain - ty: Help us, like Pe - ter, to de - clare The



failed to see that God had done A strange and un - ex -
Pe - ter stepped forth and re - plied In words that seemed both
still - un - fold - ing mys - ter - y Of One who reigns though



pect - ed thing: God sent a ser - vant, not a king.
right and odd: "You are Mes - si - ah, Son of God."
sac - ri - ficed, Our Lamb and Shep - herd, Je - sus Christ.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Minuet Finale (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)

G. F. Handel

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

Scripture Readings

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Psalm 19

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;
⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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