



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seventeenth 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

**People: We must be willing to help others,
not counting the cost or rewards.**

Leader: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place
in discipleship.

**People: Serving God means receiving each person
as though they were a beloved child.**

Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**People: Create in us hearts for ministries
of compassion and kindness.**

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, be with us this day,
helping us to put our priorities in order;
so that we may faithfully serve you
by serving your people.**

**Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways
all the days of our lives. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of His body joined,
we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Maker is the same.

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The Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

The Sermon

Seeing Things Through Jesus' Eyes

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Is the Man

Jane Marshall

Blessed is the man who walks not
in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water.

text from Psalm 1

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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. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Shalom to You

Anonymous melody

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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 Readings

Psalm 1

The Two Ways

¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”