



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**October 10, 2021**

**Twentieth 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**

*Medley: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (Will L. Thompson)/  
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus (Helen H. Lemmel)*

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.

**People: We want to serve God,**

**but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.**

Leader: Place your trust in God's power and love.

**People: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

**People: Praise God for God's eternal presence. Amen.**

**The Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God, we become so enamored of  
the glitz and glitter of the world.**

**It is as though our lives were lived  
in "catalog shopping" design.**

**We have so much and want so much more.**

**We listen to the pitches in the media  
about the latest and best of everything,  
and rather than striving to serve you more faithfully,  
we strive to gather more and more possessions.**

**Forgive our crass materialism.**

**Break the bonds and chains of our oppression  
and enslavement to greed.**

**Open our hearts to know  
that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you.**

**Help us to understand the call you have given us to service,  
and having heard and understood that call,  
may we be about the work of the kingdom.**

**For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Jesus understands our cries and our weakness.

He forgives and heals our souls.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are healed and transformed. Amen.

## The Hymn No. 2130

### *The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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## The Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

## The Sermon

*Jesus and the Good Life*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

## The Offertory Prayer

## The Offertory Anthem

*We Want to Know, Lord, Touch Our Minds*

Robert J. Powell

We want to know, Lord, touch our minds:  
We want to see, so touch our eyes;  
Dispel the dark which now confines  
And help us hear the haunting cries.

We want to feel, Lord, touch our hearts,  
And touch our hands that we may serve,  
And strengthen life in all its parts,  
Give courage, love, and steady nerves.

Forgive our slowness to accept  
The ways of peace for modern man;  
The bombs have dropped while children wept,  
And nations shun Christ's noble plan.

We want to act, Lord, Come inspire  
These lives of ours; Lord, cleanse, refine,  
Empow'r the self with holy fire  
That man may know the will divine. Amen.

Carlton C. Buck

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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. 2137**

*Would I have Answered When You Called*

KINGSFOLD

1. Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?
2. Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
When on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"  
you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

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## The Benediction

### The Postlude

*Postlude in A minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

## Scripture Readings

### Mark 10:17-31

#### The Rich Man

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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