



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 24, 2021

22st 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**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Afro-American Spiritual

## **The Call to Worship**

Leader: Bless the Lord at all times.

**People: Let everyone bless God.**

Leader: Praise the Lord continually.

**People: Let everyone praise Christ.**

Leader: Our souls boast in the Lord.

**People: We boast in the Spirit's greatness.**

Leader: With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord,  
for God has delivered us and made us whole.

**People: Exalt our God, the Lord of life.**

## **The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Great Triune God, through Jesus Christ,  
our great and eternal High Priest,  
we give you praise  
and consecrate ourselves to follow you.**

**As we worship you and celebrate your glorious  
resurrection,**

**open our eyes so that we may see —  
open the eyes of our mind to learning  
and understanding;**

**open the eyes of our heart,  
to love and compassion;**

**open the eyes of our soul,  
to see our spiritual selves  
during our time of worship. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 265**

*O Christ, the Healer*

alternate tune GERMANY

1. O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?

2. From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.
3. How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
4. In conflicts that destroy our health  
we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
5. Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

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**The Scripture Lesson**

Mark 10:46-52

**The Sermon**

*Learning to See from a Blind Man*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*O Taste and See*

Thomas Hastings

O taste and see that the Lord is good,  
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Psalm 34:8

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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. 2213**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

***Refrain:***

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. ***Refrain***
2. In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. ***Refrain***
3. Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. ***Refrain***
4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. ***Refrain***

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**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*March*

William Walton

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

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# Scripture Readings

## Psalm 34

### Praise for Deliverance from Trouble

*Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.

## Mark 10:46-52

### The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.