



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 31, 2021

23st 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

The Great Pumpkin Waltz
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Vince Guaraldi

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

Leader: For God has done wonderful things for us.

People: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let us sing songs of great joy to God.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving
for all the wonderful things you have done for us.**

**Help us to be faithful disciples
in all that we think, do and say,
that your great love may be revealed
and offer healing to all people. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 432

Jesu, Jesu

CHEREPONI

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. *Refrain*

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

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The Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

The Sermon

The Bare Essentials

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

This is My Commandment

Thomas Hastings

This is my commandment, that ye love one another,
ev'n as I have loved you.
No man hath greater love than this,
to give his life ev'n for his friends.

John 15:12-13

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. 561

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

ST. AGNES

1. Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.
2. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.

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| <p>3. Up unto thee, our living Head,
let us in all things grow;
till thou hast made us free indeed
and spotless here below.</p> <p>5. To thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in thee receive.</p> | <p>4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.</p> <p>6. This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.</p> |
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The Benediction

The Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Scripture Readings

Mark 12:28-34

The First Commandment

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³² Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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