



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 14, 2021**

**Twenty-Fifth 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**

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*  
(Wake Up, Cries the Voice)

J. G. Walther

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**People: In the night also my heart instructs me.**

Leader: I keep the LORD always before me;

**People: I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

**People: My body also rests secure.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.

**People: In your presence there is fullness of joy.**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: We near the turning of the year, O Wondrous Creator.**

**As our earth revolves around the sun,**

**help us to look all around and perceive**

**how You are still at work in our world and in our lives.**

**You have not given up on us yet.**

**You have not given up on this one earth You made for us.**

**You have not given up on creation.**

**Help us to not give up.**

**Call us to roll up our sleeves,**

**to sweep away and clean,**

**to build and plant,**

**to pluck up what needs to be taken,**

**to make space for what needs to grow.**

**Help us to look all around**

**and know that You are doing a new thing. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 730***O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

CHEREPONI

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| <p>1. O day of God, draw nigh<br/>in beauty and in power;<br/>come with thy timeless judgment now<br/>to match our present hour.</p> <p>2. Bring to our troubled minds,<br/>uncertain and afraid,<br/>the quiet of a steadfast faith,<br/>calm of a call obeyed.</p> <p>3. Bring justice to our land,<br/>that all may dwell secure,<br/>and finely build for days to come<br/>foundations that endure.</p> | <p>4. Bring to our world of strife<br/>thy sovereign word of peace,<br/>that war may haunt the earth no more,<br/>and desolation cease.</p> <p>5. O day of God, draw nigh<br/>as at creation's birth;<br/>let there be light again,<br/>and set thy judgments on the earth.</p> |
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**The Scripture Lesson**

Mark 13:1-8

**The Sermon***Stay Awake!*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer****The Offertory Anthem** *Behold, O God, Our Defender*

John Blow

Behold, O God, our defender and look upon the face of thine anointed.  
Great prosperity givest thou unto thy king  
and will show lovingkindness unto thine anointed for evermore.  
The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces.  
Out of heav'n shall he thunder upon them,  
but he shall give strength unto his king,  
and exalt the horn of his anointed. Amen.

Selected scripture including 1 Samuel 2:10

**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. 2284

*Joy in the Morning*

ST. AGNES

1. There'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
there'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,  
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.
2. There'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
there'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,  
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.
3. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
and the way of the Lord will that day be restored,  
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

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## The Benediction

### The Postlude

*My Tribute*

Andraé Crouch

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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

### Mark 13:1-8

#### The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

13 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,<sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray.<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’<sup>[a]</sup> and they will lead many astray.<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.<sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

# 1 Samuel 2:1-10

## Hannah's Prayer

2 Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

<sup>2</sup>“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

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