



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday of Epiphany

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons

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The Call to Worship

Leader: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

People: But there is only one Spirit.

Leader: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

People: But it is the same Lord we all serve.

Leader: There are many activities we can do to serve God:
teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

People: But all these are activated by God.

Leader: There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

People: It is impossible to list them all.

Leader: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

People: God gives to each as God chooses.

Thanks be to God!

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you.

**Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability,
strength, courage, and passion.**

Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others.

**In all that we do, and in all that we are,
may your name be glorified,**

that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth.

We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Hymn No. 550

Christ, from Whom All Blessing Flow

CANTERBURY

1. Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.

2. Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.

3. Move and actuate and guide,
diverse gifts to each divide;

4. Never from thy service move,
needful to each other prove;

placed according to thy will,
let us all our work fulfill;

5. Many are we now, and one,
we who Jesus have put on;
there is neither bond nor free,
male nor female, Lord, in thee.

use the grace on each bestowed,
tempered by the art of God.

6. Love, like death, hath all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names and sects and parties fall;
thou, O Christ, art all in all!

The Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 12:1-11

The Sermon

You're Not Through Opening Gifts Yet!

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

The Spirit of the Lord

Norman J. Barnes

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
To preach deliverance to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Amen.

Luke 4:18-19

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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. 2228

Sacred the Body

RUDDLE

1. Sacred the body God has created,
temple of spirit that dwells inside
Cherish each person; nurture creation.
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.
2. Bodies are varied, made in all sizes,
pale, full of color, both fragile and strong.
Holy the difference, gift of the Maker,
so let us honor each story and song.

3. Love respects person, bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.
Love touches gently, never coercing.
Love leaves the other with power to choose.
4. Holy of holies, God ever loving,
make us your temples; indwell al we do.
May we be careful tender and caring,
so may our bodies give honor to you.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane

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

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of our Centenary musicians.

Scripture Readings

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Spiritual Gifts

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Psalm 19

God’s Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
- In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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