



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 13 2022

Sixth 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

Steal Away

Afro-American Spiritual

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The Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, for the power of God has come—

People: **The same transforming power
encountered in the risen Christ:**

Leader: Promising to the poor the realm of heaven;

People: **Promising to the hungry a time of satisfaction;**

Leader: Promising to the weeping a life of happiness;

People: **Promising to the reviled the gift of acceptance.**

All: **Rejoice, O people of God,
the transforming power of Christ is here!**

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Christ, whom even crucifixion
could not separate from either
the love or the power of God,
bless us, the members of your body,
with the guidance of your spirit,
that we might seek God with your singleness of mind,
see God with your clarity of understanding,
and worship God with your purity of heart. Amen.**

The Hymn (see last page)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

EBENEZER

The Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 15:12-20

The Sermon

Living Like You've Been Raised from the Dead

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Crawford R. Thoburn

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs. Their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly heart, He doth himself impart,
and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

John Keble (1792-1866)

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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. 2237

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the Church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors ev'rywhere.
2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions we should show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit, we would live to God's delight.
3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Postlude on EBENEZER

Charles W. Ore

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***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 by Susan Rorrer
in memory of her mother Joyce Ann Piercy.***

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to
 2. Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry

heav'n and voice - es raise; sing to God a
 ho - ly har - vest field, which will all its
 be to God on high; al - le - lu - ia

hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
 full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 to the Sav - ior, who has won the vic - to - ry;

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the
 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their
 al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of

world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the
 heads be - fore him wave, rip - ened by his
 love and sanc - ti - ty, Al - le - lu - ia!

King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.