



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 20, 2022**

**Seventh 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**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

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**The Call to Worship**

Leader: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;

**People: for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.  
Eternal Power, be our support.  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.  
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength  
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy  
to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 311**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

FRENCH CAROL

1. Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
2. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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**The Scripture Lesson**

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**The Sermon**

*Resurrection's Prerequisite*

Dr. Matthew Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*Commit Your Life to the Lord*

Liebhold

Commit your life to the Lord, and trust in Him always,  
for he will help you.

What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
these neverceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
o'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
the heavier for our bitterness.  
Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His word; though undeserving,  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
the soul that trusted Him indeed.

For he will help you.

Psalm 37:5

Chorale text and melody, Georg Neumark, 1640

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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.**

1. Come, let us with our Lord arise,  
our Lord, who made both earth and skies;  
who died to save the world he made,  
and rose triumphant from the dead;  
he rose, the Prince of life and peace,  
and stamped the day forever his.
2. This is the day the Lord has made,  
that all may see his love displayed,  
may feel his resurrection's power,  
and rise again, to fall no more,  
in perfect righteousness renewed,  
and filled with all the life of God.
3. Then let us render him his own,  
with solemn prayer approach his throne,  
with meekness hear the gospel word,  
with thanks his dying love record,  
our joyful hearts and voices raise,  
and fill his courts with songs of praise.

**The Benediction****The Postlude***Rise, Shine, You People*

Dale Wood

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

***This week's altar flowers are in honor of  
Agatha and Christina Kidd on the occasion of their birthdays.***

**Scripture Readings****1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50****The Resurrection Body**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual

body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

## **Psalm 37:1-11**

### **Exhortation to Patience and Trust Of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.
- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- <sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

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