



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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

**The Prelude**

*Trust and Obey*

Daniel B. Towner

## **The Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is a day to sing praise to God!

**People: God continually blesses us, each and every day.**

Leader: Even in the midst of cold and darkness, the warmth of God's love is real.

**People: We can count on God to be here for us.**

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice and your voices shout praise to God.

**People: For God is great and worthy to be praised. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2137**

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

KINGSFOLD

1. Would I have answered when you called,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me By its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
From bursting into flame?
2. Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
On roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
Where truth you taught would not disturb  
The ordered world I knew?
3. Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
When on a rocky hill I saw  
a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
A dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
Nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"  
You'll give me strength beyond  
my own to follow faithfully.

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## **The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, we come to you this morning with  
so many concerns and issues  
that demand our attention.**

**Our lives are burdened;  
our spirits are tired.**

**Guide our lives and our steps  
as we walk this Lenten journey,  
inward and outward.**

Help us to discern what you would have us do,  
that others may be healed.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Psalter pages 758-759

Psalm 27

*[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone.  
All other responses will be sung by everyone.]*

Ps. 36:9

Jane Marshall



For with you is the fountain of life: in your light do we see light.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear:  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers assail me,  
to devour my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes  
shall stumble and fall.
- 3 **Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.**
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

*Response*

- 5 The Lord will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble,  
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,  
and will set me high upon a rock.
- 6 **And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies round about me;  
and I will offer sacrifices to the Lord's tent  
with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord**

*Response*

- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud  
be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 **"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."  
Your face, O Lord, I seek.**
- 9 Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
for you have been my help.

10 **Cast me not off, forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother should forsake me,  
The Lord would take me up.**

*Response*

11 Teach me your way, O Lord;  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
12 **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**  
13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
14 **Wait for the Lord;  
be strong and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the Lord!**

*Response*

**The Sermon**     *How to Pray When Your World is Falling Apart*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*The Lord Is My Light*  
Emily Downey, soprano soloist

Lloyd Pfautsch

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?  
Though an army of men were laid against me,  
Yet shall not my heart be afraid.  
And though there rose up war against me,  
Yet will I put my trust in him.  
For in the time of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter,  
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling  
Shall he hide me.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom, then, shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1, 3, 5

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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. 580**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*Lancashire*

Richard Wienhorst

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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 week are in honor of Nathan Grubb,  
our new Reaching Team leader.***

# *5 Cups of Coffee*

*An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth this Lenten Season*

*Join us every Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.*

We are testing the theory that in "almost-post-pandemic "times, church members want more small group Bible study. Join us in person (coffee and cookies provided) or online (provide your own refreshments) for a Lenten study and conversation. Hear the Word, be led in conversation about the Word. Gather in person or Zoom up close and personal with church friends.

We are following the 5 Cups of Coffee Series, each focusing on a Bible verse and Conversation about calling and discipleship. The upcoming weeks are:

- March 20 - The Passion Conversation  
(Micah 6:8)
- March 27 - The Spiritual Growth Conversation  
(Romans 12:1-2)
- April 3 - The Opportunities Conversation  
(Colossians 3:17)

*No sign up is necessary. Please feel free to join either session.  
You can drop in on any one of the weeks or attend each week!*