



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 20, 2022**

**Third 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**

*Voluntary*

Thomas Weelkes

## **The Call to Worship**

Leader: A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.

**People: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.**

Leader: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

**People: How we have longed for joy and love!**

Leader: God continually blesses and heals us.

**People: Praise be to God for God's steadfast love. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2001**

*We Sing to You, O God*

KINGSFOLD

1. We sing to You O God,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.  
To you O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise
2. We wandered far from home  
out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.
3. You bear us through the world,  
an eagle to her young,  
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.
4. O God, eternal God,  
we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just  
you are the God in whom we trust.

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## **The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Open our eyes, our ears,  
our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord,**

that we may be healed of our faithlessness,  
freed from our fears and anxieties,  
and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

The Psalter pages 788

Psalm 63:1-11

*[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone.*

*All other responses will be sung by everyone.]*

Ps. 63: 1a  
Richard Proulx

My soul is — thirst-ing for you, O —

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Lord, — thirst-ing for you my God. —

- 1 O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
- 2 **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.**
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- 4 **So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hand and call on your name.**

*Response*

- 5 My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I think of you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 **for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**
- 8 **My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.**

*Response*

- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 **they shall be given over to the power of the sword,  
they shall be prey for jackals.**
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;  
**all who swear in God's name shall glory;  
but the mouth of liars will be stopped.**

*Response*

**The Sermon***How to Pray When You're On the Run*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer****The Offertory Anthem***Early Will I Seek Thee*

Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul, Lord, thirsteth for Thee.  
I will bless Thee while I live, and lift up my hands in Thy name.  
Early will I seek Thee, O God. Amen.

Psalm 63: 1, 4

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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. 142***If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee,  
and hope in God through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that naught can move.
2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure  
and all-discerning love hath sent;  
we know our inmost wants are known,  
for we are called to be God's own.
3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;  
so do thine own part faithfully,  
and trust God's word; though undeserving,  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
the soul that trusted God indeed.

## **The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Afro-American Spiritual

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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 Doug Wilson, our Outreach Team leader.***

***The rosebud on the altar is in honor of Milo Simpson Harris, born March 11, 2022. Milo is the son of Anna Simpson and Justin Harris and the grandson of Dean and Mary Simpson.***

## ***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 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!***