



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 27, 2022

Fourth 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

Give Me Jesus

African-American Spiritual
arranged by Nolan Williams Jr.

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The Call to Worship

Leader: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

**People: Everything old has passed away.
Everything has become new.**

Leader: This newness is from God,
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

People: Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.

The Hymn No. 2134

Forgive Us, Lord

CONFESIÓN

All: Forgive us, Lord

1. Leader: For grievance and injustice: All: Forgive us, Lord.
Leader: Aloofness and indifference: All: Forgive us, Lord
2. Leader: For weakness and transgression: All: Forgive us, Lord
Leader: Resistance and rebellion: All: Forgive us, Lord
3. Leader: In your eternal mercy: All: Forgive us, Lord
Leader: In your sustaining grace: All: Forgive us, Lord

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of steadfast love and mercy,
remind us once again that in Jesus Christ
everything has become new.**

**For far too often, things seem as they have always been:
old habits die hard,
difficult situations linger,
failures from our past linger.**

**We look for your promised newness
but cannot see it.**

**Speak to us again of your new creation.
Open our eyes to its presence in our lives.
Call us forth to claim this newness,
that we may be healed and made whole. Amen.**

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

All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Ps. 32:11

Gary Alan Smith

Be glad in the Lord and re - joice;

shout for joy, you up - right in heart.

- 1 Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- 2 **Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- 3 When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity.
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";
then you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Response***
- 6 Therefore let those who are godly
offer prayer to you;
**at a time of distress, the rush of great waters
shall not reach them.**
- 7 You are a hiding place for me,
you preserve me from trouble;
you encompass me with deliverance.
- 8 **I will instruct you and teach you
the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- 9 Do not be like an unruly horse or mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.
- 10 **Many are the pangs of the wicked;
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**
- 11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;
shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *Response*

The Sermon *How to Pray When You've Made a Mess of Things*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Is He

Thomas Tomkins

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 32:1-2

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. 2055

You Are My Hiding Place

HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place.
You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you,
I will trust in you.
Let the weak say,
"I am strong
In the strength of the Lord"

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Ukrainian National Anthem

Mykhailo Verbytsky
arranged by Dennis Janzer

*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 in honor of Mitzi Golod,
our Finance Committee chairman.*

5 Cups of Coffee

*An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth this Lenten Season
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. Next week is the last session. Please join us even if you missed the other weeks! On April 3 we will be discussing The Opportunities Conversation (Col. 3:17).

Holy Week Schedule

April 10	10:00 am	The Blessing of the Palms <i>(downtown churches will meet at Centenary)</i>
	11:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship
April 14	7:30 pm	Holy Thursday Worship
April 15	7:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
April 17	11:00 am	Easter Worship

On Easter Sunday, please bring fresh flowers to adorn our cross in celebration of Easter.

Altar Flower Ministry

Honoring life's events or remembering loved ones who have passed is a wonderful way to celebrate God's many gifts. Our flower ministry also supports Coleman Brothers Flowers, a small local business. Flowers that have graced our altar can then be recycled for our church shut-ins or taken home by the donors to remember a special day.

Your memory or celebration will be noted in the bulletin on the Sunday of donation. As you can see flowers celebrate in many ways.

How can you rush to participate?

1. A flower calendar sign up is outside the church office.
2. Email mevetrovec@aol.com or call 804-320-4349 and leave a message.
3. Leave a note in the offering plate.
4. Answer a phone call if you have been a flower sponsor in the last 3 years.
5. 1st Sunday 2 vases @ \$22each. 2nd-5th Sundays @ \$22 each.

Provide a check marked for flowers or go on church website to pay.

We also need members to deliver altar flowers on Sundays following our services. It is a simple and direct way to say we care for those unable to attend. Please call/email the office to sign up and someone will be in touch with you.