



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

The Prelude

Some Other Time

Leonard Bernstein

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The Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

The Hymn No. 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, our Guide and Guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world
into the quiet of your house.**

**Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of
every good purpose and holy desire.**

**Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,
that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall resign into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.
So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

The Sermon

And Easter Faith for Everyday Life

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

S. Drummond Wolff

Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.
Ye believe in God, believe also in Me.
If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter.
Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

John 14:1, 15, 16, 27

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. 2114

At the Font We Start Our Journey

LAUDA ANIMA

1. At the font we start our journey,
in the Easter faith baptized;
doubts and fears no longer blind us,
by the light of Christ surprised.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Hope held out and realized.
2. At the pulpit we are fashioned
by the Easter tale retold
into witnesses and prophets,
by the power of Christ made bold.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Faith proclaimed, yet still untold

3. At the altar we are nourished
with the Easter gift of bread;
in our breaking it to pieces
see the love of Christ outspread.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Life embraced, yet freely shed.

4. At the door we are commissioned
now the Easter victory's won,
to restore a world divided
to the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Easter's work must still be done.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Johann Pachelbel

The altar flowers this morning are given by Heidi Kara in memory of those we have lost.

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

Scriptures

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.