



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

The Prelude

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
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Healey Willan

The Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

People: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

People: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

People: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls

to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. Amen.

The Hymn No. 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you still
holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.
5. O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.
6. Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God!

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, sometimes we are confused.

**We hear the bad news continually shouted
on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines.**

The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain.

**Innocent people are being destroyed
by the whims of the wicked.**

**Disease and pestilence reign supreme
in too many parts of the world.**

**We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others,
often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs
and feel helpless in the face of such chaos.**

We close our eyes.

**We walk away, often crossing over
to the side of self-importance and indifference
because we are afraid to become involved.**

Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal.

We succumb to those pressures in our fear.

Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies.

**Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ,
that we may be empowered to service
rather than apathy.**

Forgive us, Lord, forgive us.

Make us ready to truly become your disciples.

For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Do not be afraid. God's love is reaching out to you, to touch your hurt and wounds and to provide healing. Receive God's blessing and be assured of God's eternal love for you.
Amen.

The Annual Conference Report

Karen Daly Junker

Centenary Lay Leader and Lay Member to the Annual Conference

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

The Sermon

The Kind of Life that Lasts Forever

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

O Savior, Hear Me!

Emily Downey, soprano
Christoph Willibald Gluck

O Savior, hear me, I implore thee,
In thee alone can peace be found.
Thou canst sustain and thou restore me
Whate'er the cares that hover round.

Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes;
Lord I long for thy salvation,
And would fain attain the prize.

Adaptation by Dudley Buck

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. 2177

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

HEALING SPIRIT

1. Wounded world that cries for healing -
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems,
bruised and bleeding bear the load,
the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!
2. Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all my feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.
3. Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,

in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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***The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Jane and Russ Hurlburt
by their daughters Beth, Marti, Nancy, and Justine.***

***Reminder! Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning
by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).***

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

Scriptures

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Announcements

JOIN US TO VIEW *THE CHOSEN* – Starting today, following our 10:00am worship service, we will gather in the social hall to begin watching *The Chosen*. *The Chosen* is a multi-season television portrayal of the life of Jesus. The series has been widely acclaimed.

*The Chosen carries the character development of *Hose of Cards or The Crown*, but with an authenticity to the biblical narrative like nothing I've ever witnessed in faith-based media. ~ Caleb Parke*

The first season has 8 episodes, and we'll begin watch Episode 1 this week. We'll take off July 31 for our churchwide picnic. (see below) Come grab a cup of coffee, perhaps even bring a friend, and join us for fellowship, inspiration and learning!

SUMMER PICNIC – Sunday, July 31 @ 12:00pm. Join us at Byrd Park, (600 S. Arthur Ashe Blvd.) Please bring a side to share! Sign up downstairs. Questions? Please contact the church office.