



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 24, 2022

Seventh 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

Prelude on LEONI

David S. Harris

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The Call to Worship

Leader: The goodness of God has called us here!

People: We are recipients of God's gracious love.

Leader: Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

People: Yet God is merciful and forgiving.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

**People: Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully
in your sight. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2169

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

1. God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love give strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord of Hope and Peace,
we have come this day asking for your mercy.
Grant us your pardon.
We have come this day seeking peace in our lives;
grant us peace.
Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you.
For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson Luke 11:1-13

The Sermon *The Lord's Prayer* Dr. Tim Gerde

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo *The Lords Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Todd Minnich, tenor

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. 2193 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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The Benediction

The Postlude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Charles C. Converse

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
by Troy and Jan Nelson.*

*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 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Perseverance in Prayer

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Announcements

JOIN US TO VIEW *THE CHOSEN* – Join us Sunday mornings, following our 10:00am worship service, as we will gather in the social hall to watch *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 House 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

We will 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.