



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 31, 2022**

**Eighth 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**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Wilbur Held

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**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Our lives are in the care of God.

**People: God has given us abundance and hope.**

Leader: This day we have come to praise and thank God  
for all that God has done for us.

**People: We gather to celebrate God's love  
and to offer our lives in service.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

**People: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 399**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

MESSIAH

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Bountiful God,**

**who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives:**

**Open our hearts today**

**to hear your words of compassionate justice,**

**that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live**

**and be of service to you by serving the world.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**The Scripture Lesson**

Luke 12:13-21

**The Sermon**

*What to Do When Life Goes Well*

Dr. Matt Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*Treasures in Heaven*

Emily Downey, soprano

Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
Where moth and rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves break through and steal,  
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,  
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
For ev'ry one that asketh receiveth, And he that seeketh findeth,  
And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 6:19-21; 7: 7-8

**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. 413**

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

BOYLSTON

1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,  
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,  
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

## The Benediction

### The Postlude

*Praise to the Lord*

Johann Gottfried Walther

*The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of our parents,  
Janice & John Keller and Bob Hundley, Sr. by Bob and Nancy Hundley.*

*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 12:13-21

#### The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

## *Announcements*

**JOIN US TO VIEW *THE CHOSEN*** – *We are taking this week off to join the fun at the church picnic. We will be back next week!*

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*

Come grab a cup of coffee, perhaps even bring a friend, and join us for fellowship, inspiration, and learning!