



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 4, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday of 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

Take Up Thy Cross

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The Call to Worship

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

People: Who can count the thoughts of God?

They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter,
we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

People: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

The Hymn No. 2152

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Boundless Shaper of people and nations, you are beyond our knowing,
yet closer to us than our every breath.**

**You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love,
and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart.**

**With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer,
turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives,
into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. Amen.**

The Psalter pages 854-855

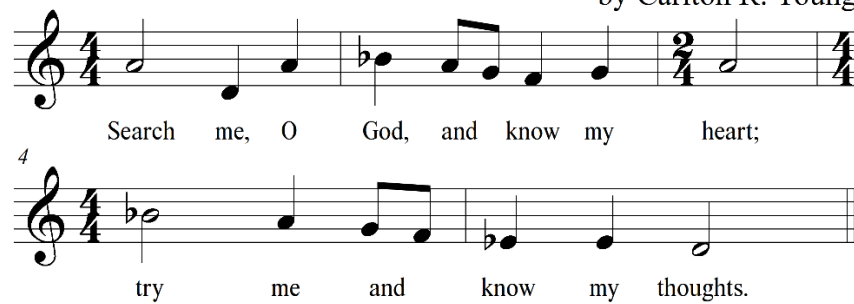
Psalm 139

*[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone.
All other responses will be sung by everyone.]*

Ps. 139:23

Adapt. from Martin Luther

by Carlton R. Young



Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it altogether.**
- 5 You pursue me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

Response

- 7 Whither shall I go from your spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- 9 **If I take the wings of the morning
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
And your right hand shall hold me.**
- 11 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
- 12 **even the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is bright as the day;
for darkness is as light with you.**

Response

- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts,
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful
Wonderful are your works!
You know me very well;
- 15 **my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
**in your book were written
the days that were formed for me,**

every day, before they came into being.

17 How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 **If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.**

Response

19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me,
20 **those who maliciously defy you,
who lift themselves up against you for evil.**

21 Do I not hate them that hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe them that rise up against you?

22 **I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.**

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts;

24 **and see if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Response

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

The Hymn No. 530

Are Ye Able

BEACON HILL

1. "Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

- Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.
2. Are ye able to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise? *Refrain*
 3. Are ye able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God? *Refrain*
 4. Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee. *Refrain*

The Homily

When Jesus Calls

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

The Call (from Five Mystical Songs)

Taylor Jarrell, baritone
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts,
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion,
remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert; adapt. by Richard Proulx

6 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are full,
11 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
16 of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
21 name of the Lord. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles H. Webb

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a-gain.

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.*

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles Webb



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Hymn No. 415

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

The Benediction

The Postlude

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

Afro-American Spiritual

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of the many friends of Centenary.

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.

Scripture

Luke 14:25-33

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Announcements

CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, September 11 immediately following the 10:30am worship. We are closing the street and celebrating Fall! Picnic meat provide – please bring a side to share. Child care provided. No sign up required!

PECAN SALE - It's that time again! Get your orders in and support the United Methodist Women! We are ordering in early September so we will get them in early November. as soon as they are harvested. *No price increase this year! Still just \$12/bag.*

- Mammoth Halves
- Medium pieces
- Chocolate covered
- Dark chocolate covered
- Cinnamon glazed.

To order, contact the church office.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

September 4	11:30 am	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall
September 5	<i>Office Closed – Labor Day</i>	
September 6	Noon	AA
September 7	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study – Zoom Choir Rehearsal
September 9	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
September 11	10:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship
September 11	11:30 am	Back to Church Picnic

LOOKING AHEAD

September 15	1:00 pm	UMW Smethie Circle at O'Toole's
September 20	7:00pm	Book Club at River Rd Baptist Church - <i>The Devil's Half Acre</i>