



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

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The Call to Worship

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

**People: We proclaim that God’s presence
is real and alive and thriving!**

Leader: Evildoers declare through their actions,
“We go through life alone.”

**People: But we see God’s grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love
in our lives and in the world around us.**

All: Praise be to God!

The Hymn No. 2225

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

KINDRED

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
all those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled, differently labeled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us – color or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings—
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of abundant grace,
may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day.**

Open our eyes to truly see one another,
 that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor.
 Open our ears to the needs of the world,
 that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us.
 And open our hearts to your grace and love,
 that we might find guidance and strength
 for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

The Psalter pages 746-747

Psalm 14

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

Alan Luff (Ezek. 37:1-14)

Richard Proulx



- 1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
 there is none that does good.**
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven on all people,
 to see if there are any that are wise,
 who seek after God.
- 3 **They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
 there is none that does good,
 no, not one.**

Response

- 4 Have they no knowledge, the evildoers
 who eat up my people as they eat bread,
 and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 **There they shall be in great terror,
 for God is with the generation of the righteous.**
- 6 You would confound the plans of the poor,
 but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 **O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
 When the Lord restores their fortunes,
 Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!**

Response

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

The Hymn No. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
 in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Sermon

Table Talk

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

The Ninety and Nine

Brittany Brooks, soprano

Edward Campion

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed.

There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold,
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold.
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine,
Are they not enough for Thee?
But the Shepherd made answer, 'Tis of mine
Has wandered away from me;
And although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep.

But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed;
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord went through,
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert He heard its cry,
Sick and helpless and ready to die.

Lord, whence are these blood drops all the way,
That mark out the mountain's track?
They were shed for one who had gone astray,
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back.
Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn?
They are pierced today by many a thorn.

But all through the mountains thunder-riven,
And up from the rocky steep,
There came a cry to the gate of Heaven,
Rejoice! I have found my sheep.
And the angels echoed 'round the throne,
Rejoice! for the Lord brings back His own!

Poem by Elizabeth G. Clephane

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. 436

The Voice of God Is Calling

MEIRIONYDD

1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?"
2. "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"
3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.
4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

The Benediction

The Postlude

Echo Fantasy in the Aeolian Mode (excerpt)
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J. P. Sweelinck

*The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Bishop by Florence Clay Bishop.*

*The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the first anniversary of the marriage of Victoria Angier
Brock and John Seaton Fite, by Bill and Vikki Brock. Victoria and John were married
September 10, 2021, in a small ceremony at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.*

*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 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Welcome!

Centenary United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, economic background, and physical or mental ability.

We are glad that you have joined us today! If you are a new guest, we hope that you experience a warm welcome! Please return soon and consider us for your church home. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with a pastor.

Announcements

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 11	11:30 am	Back to Church Picnic
September 12	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
September 13	Noon 4:00 pm	AA Church Council Meeting
September 14	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study – Zoom Choir Rehearsal
September 15	1:00 pm	UMW Smethie Circle at O'Toole's
September 16	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
September 18	10:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

September 20	7:00 pm	Book Club at River Rd Baptist Church <i>The Devil's Half Acre</i>
October 8	9:30 am	Rise Against Hunger