



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**October 2, 2022**

**Seventeenth 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**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**The Introit**

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
upon the altar of my heart.

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

**People: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.**

Leader: How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

**People: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.**

Leader: Come, let us sing the Lord's song this day.

**People: Let us praise God in all our ways forever. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2221**

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*

EUB'FESTE BURG

1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,  
for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!  
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,  
who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night,  
the blessed congregation.
2. For stories told and told again to every generation,  
to give us strength in time of pain, to give us consolation.  
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,  
when we are far from home and evil seasons come;  
how firm is our foundation.
3. For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,  
which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure.  
And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,  
we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill  
with hope beyond all measure.
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.  
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.  
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,  
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,  
and we shall sing forever.

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## The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, throughout the world today,  
Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.  
We come together with a bountiful table  
set in the midst of struggle and strife.  
Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine  
for the nourishment of our souls  
and for the strengthening of our witness  
to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen**

## The Announcements

## The Prayer of Illumination

## The Psalter pages 852

Psalm 137

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

Ps. 39:7  
Jane Marshall



Now, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ for what do I wait? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ For my hope is in you al - lone.

- 1 By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion
- 2 **On the willows there  
we hung up our lyres.**
- 3 For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
- 4 **How shall we sing the Lord’s song  
in a foreign land?**
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!
- 6 **Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!**

- 7 O Lord, remember against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem,  
**how they said, "Raze it, raze it!  
Down to its foundations!"**
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who repay you  
with what you have done to us!
- 9 **Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!**
- Response*

**The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 17:5-10

**The Hymn No. 365**

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

MOODY

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

***Refrain:***

- Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin!
2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the refuge, the mighty cross. ***Refrain***
3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,  
brighter than snow you may be today. ***Refrain***
4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive? ***Refrain***

**The Homily**

*Finding Faith When You've Lost It*

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 Anthem**

*How Shall We Sing Salvation's Song*

Keith Beniston

How shall we sing salvation's song  
when justice stands denied.  
When greed and tyranny and wrong  
prevail on every side.  
Shall silent fall our voice of praise,  
as on the willow hung  
the harps that told of happier days  
when songs of home were sung.

Yet still we sing as Moses sang  
beside the parted wave,  
when Caanan's skies in triumph rang  
to God the strong to save.  
We too in Psalms, like David sing,  
As David's faith, we claim,  
who sang as shepherdboy and king  
of God's eternal name.

And we have blessings more than they  
in Christ our risen Lord,  
himself our Life and Truth and Way,  
his Spirit on us poured.  
For ours the cross where Jesus died,  
the love that bore our sins;  
our sins, enthroned and glorified,  
salvation's song begins.

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### **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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are full,  
Bless - ed is he who comes of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
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. 2184

*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

ENVIADO

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready not  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom come.  
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready not  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom come.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and peace.  
The task is our to do, to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

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### The Benediction

### The Choral Response

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up the gift in me.

**The Postlude**

*Shalom to You*

Anonymous

*The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of  
Pencye, Lynette, and Ryland Bailey by Florence Clay Bishop.*

*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 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

## Announcements

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** - We are all excited about the upcoming Rise Against Hunger event which will bring us together once again to package meals for those in countries suffering from hunger and malnutrition. The event will take place only because of the response to our call for donations to raise the \$4000 required to pay for supplies and freight charges. This has been one of the favorite outreach programs that we hold that has been suspended for 2 ½ years due to Covid. Please bring your family, neighbors, and friends at 9:30 on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for a rewarding experience and fellowship.

# *Upcoming Events*

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>October 2</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>October 5</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>7:15 pm</b>	Wednesday Bible Study – Zoom Choir Rehearsal
<b>October 7</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Friday Lunch Program
<b>October 8</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Rise Against Hunger
<b>October 9</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	In-person and Livestream Worship
<b>October 9</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>October 11</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Church Council Meeting
<b>October 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Charge Conference at Reveille UMC
<b>October 23</b>	<b>11:30 m</b>	Chili Cook Off