



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 23, 2022

Twentieth 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

Grace Flows Down

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The Introit

Father eternal, Ruler of creation,
Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made;
through the thick darkness covering every nation,
light to our blindness, O be thou our aid:
thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

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The Call to Worship

Leader: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

People: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

Leader: We worship because the Lord gives strength.

People: Even when we feel so weak.

Leader: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

People: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

Leader: Come and worship the God who stands with us
in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

**People: We will worship in hope,
seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.**

The Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning,
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who, doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,
 gladly forever adore Him.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O Lord our God,
 you are always more ready to bestow
 your good gifts on us
 than we are to seek them,
 and are willing to give more
 than we desire or deserve.
 Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 so to knock that the door of your mercy
 may be opened to us;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter pages 789-790

Psalm 65

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

Martin Rinkart
 trans. by Catherine Winkworth
 Johann Cruger
 harm. by Felix Mendelssohn



Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es.

- 1 Praise is due to you,
 O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed.
- 2 To you who hear prayer
 all flesh shall come because of their sins.
- 3 **When our transgressions prevail over us,
 you forgive them.**
- 4 Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near,
 to dwell in your courts!
**We shall be satisfied
 with the goodness of your house,
 your holy temple!**

Response

- 5 By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation,
**who is the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of the farthest seas;**
- 6 **who by your strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;**
- 7 who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of the waves,
the tumult of the peoples;
- 8 so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds
are afraid at your signs.
**you make the morning and the
evening resound with joy.**

Response

- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
**the river of God is full of water;
you provide its grain,
for so you have prepared it.**
- 10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
- 11 **You crown the year with your bounty;
the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.**
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip.
the hills gird themselves with joy.
- 13 **the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

Response

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

The Hymn No. 355

Depth of Mercy

CANTERBURY

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?
2. I have long withstood his grace,
long provoked him to his face,
would not hearken to his calls,
grieved him by a thousand falls.
3. I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned his hallowed name,
put him to an open shame.

4. There for me the Savior stands,
shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.
5. Now incline me to repent,
let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore,
weep, believe, and sin no more.

The Sermon

The Second Greatest Prayer in the Bible

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Soloists: Emily Downey, Lauren Maho
Taylor Jarrell and Todd Minnich

Two Men Betook Themselves to Pray in the Temple

Heinrich Schütz

Two men betook themselves in the morning to pray in the temple;
one of them was a Pharisee, the other a publican.
The Pharisee stood there alone and said his prayer,
and the publican stood afar off;
truly he did not dare to raise up his eyes unto heaven;
but he smote upon his breast, and they spake thus:

Pharisee: I thank thee Lord, God, that I am not like other people, robbers, double-dealers,
marriage defilers, or even as this publican. I keep two fast days a week and give to
the temple a full tenth of all my earnings.

Publican: God, unto me show mercy!

I say to you:

This same publican went home justified rather than the other;
for he who vaunts himself up shall be eternally humbled,
and he who shows humility, the same exalted shall be.

Luke 18:10-14

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. 121*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
4. If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

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The Benediction**The Choral Response**

Not for us to find the reasons,
or to know the times and seasons,
comes the Lord when strikes the hour;
ours to bear the faithful witness
which can shape the world to fitness;
thine, O God, to give the pow'r.

The Postlude*Toccata Brevis*

Daniel Gawthrop

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The altar flowers this morning are in honor of Florence Clay Bishop, chair of Church Council, and Jim Hill, Chair of Trustees, for all they do for our church family.

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 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

PLEASE WELCOME substitute organist Michael Simpson to our service today. Michael is a retired church musician. He served three churches in Richmond during a career of more than 50 years. He was also accompanist and assistant director of the Richmond Symphony Chorus.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

October 23	Noon	Chili Cook Off
October 24	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
October 25	Noon	AA
October 26	10:00 am	Wednesday Bible Study
October 28	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
October 30	10:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship
	11:30 am	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall