



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 30, 2022

Twenty-first 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

The Great Pumpkin Waltz

Vince Guaraldi

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The Introit

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes we feel too small and insignificant to be of any notice to Jesus.

People: Yet the Lord provides a tree for us to climb so that we can see Jesus.

Leader: That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.

People: We are given the opportunity to witness to the Savior's presence in our lives.

Leader: Lord, help us when we forget how much we are loved by Christ.

People: Open our hearts to receive his invitation this day. Amen.

The Hymn No. 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain

- I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.
2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**
 3. Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. **Refrain**
 4. Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. **Refrain**

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord God of love and peace,
open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus
to come and be present in our lives.
Release us from our smallness
and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love
in our hearts and our spirits.
For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter pages 843

Psalm 119:137-144

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

Ps. 119: 45
Don E. Saliers

I shall walk at
lib-er-ty, for I have sought your pre-cepts.

- 137 Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are your judgments.
- 138 **You have appointed your
testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.**
- 139 My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.
- 140 **Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.**
- 141 I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
- 142 **Your righteousness is righteous for ever,
and your law is true.**
- 143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
- 144 **Your testimonies are righteous for ever;
give me understanding that I may live.**

Response

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

The Hymn No. 351

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

PASS ME NOT

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief. *Refrain*
3. Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace. *Refrain*
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee? *Refrain*

The Sermon

Letting Go

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Righteous, O Lord, Art Thou
Lauren Maho, mezzo-soprano

Antonio Vivaldi

Righteous, O Lord, art thou, upright, my God, are thy judgments.
Everlasting and faithful, thy law is the truth.
Trouble and anguish have taken hold upon me,
yet thy commandments are my delight.

I am weak, I am small and despised, yet I do not forget thy precepts.
Look upon me, show mercy, O Lord, unto me,
as thou dost unto all those that trust in thy name.

Psalm 119:137-143

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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. 358

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.
3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

The Benediction

The Choral Response

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Heidi Kara
in memory of her parents, Ernie and Cheri*

*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 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham." ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

October 30	11:30 am	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall
October 31	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
November 1	Noon	AA
November 2	10:00 am 7:15 pm	Wednesday Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
November 4	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
November 6	10:30 am 11:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship <i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

November 8	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
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