



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 13, 2022

Twenty-third 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

Wondrous Love

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The Introit

O awful love, which found no room
in life where sin denied thee,
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
the powers which crucified thee:
till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nation's pride, o'erthrown,
went down to dust beside thee!

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

People: We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

Leader: Come people of God; hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

**People: In hearing the promises, in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**

**All: Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy,
for God truly is in our midst.**

The Hymn No. 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Our loving and caring God,
we need this time together to be united
with our sisters and brothers in the faith;
we need this time of worship
to be comforted and strengthened in your presence.
We hear of wars and rumors of wars.
We read of persecution and oppression.
Remind us again of your vision,
that all might live in a world
of peace and justice and love.
May this time together imprint
this vision and promise on our hearts,
that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12

- 1 You will say on that day:
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
**for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.**
- 2 Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid,
**for the LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.”**
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 4 And you will say on that day:
**“Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

The Hymn No. 701

When We All Get to Heaven

HEAVEN

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. *Refrain*
3. Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay. *Refrain*
4. Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold. *Refrain*

The Sermon

Dr. Matt Bates

How to Live When the World's Falling Apart - And When It's Not

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

God Shall Wipe away All Tears

Sir Arthur Sullivan
Emily Downey, soprano

The Lord is risen; he will dwell with men,
And they shall be his people!

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain.
For the former things are passed away.
'Behold I make all things new,' saith the Lord,
For the former things are passed away.

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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. 730*O Day of God Draw Nigh*

ST. MICHAEL

1. O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.
2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.
3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.
4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.
5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
thy judgments on the earth.

The Benediction**The Choral Response**

O wounded hands of Jesus, build
in us thy new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
we wait thy revelation:
From old unfaith our souls release
to seek the kingdom of thy peace,
to finish thy salvation.

The Postlude*O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Todd Minnich
in memory of Catherine Ann Minnich.*

*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 21:5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

Signs and Persecutions

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”

⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

November 13	11:30 am	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall
November 14	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
November 15	Noon	AA
November 16	10:00 am	Wednesday Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Smethie Circle
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
November 18	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	Noon	AA
November 20		Bring in the Harvest
	10:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship
	11:30 am	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

November 24-25 Office Closed for Thanksgiving