



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

*As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.*

**The Prelude**

*Holy Spirit Now Is Shown*

Johann Pachelbel

**The Introit**

The Holy Spirit now is shown,  
a dove on Christ descending,  
the Triune God is thus made known  
in Christ as love unending.  
He taught, he healed, he raised the dead,  
yet, in his great endeavor  
to save us, his own blood was shed;  
but death could hold him never,  
He rose, and lives for ever.

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

**People: God has called each of us before we were even born.**

Leader: It was God who named us.

**People: It is God who claims us.**

Leader: The light of God's love shines in us.

**People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

**The Hymn No. 500**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

## The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of all people, you spoke to the prophets,  
but your message did not end with them.**

**There is still work to be done,  
and we pray to hear your call afresh.**

**Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants,  
knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work.**

**You walked with us before we were even born,  
and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives.**

**We pray with the confidence of those  
who have been filled with your light.**

**We pray with the assurance of those who have been called  
into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Announcements

## The Prayer for Illumination

## The Psalter page 774

Psalm 40:1-11

Ps. 40:11

Don E. Saliers



O Lord, do not with-hold your mer-cy; let your stead-fast love pre-serve me.

### *Response*

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord,  
who inclined to me and heard my cry
- 2 **The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**
- 3 The Lord put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
**Many will see and be in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

### *Response*

- 4 Blessed are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud.  
to those who go astray after false gods!
- 5 **O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!**  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be numbered.

- 6 **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
but you have given me an open ear.**  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.
- 7 **Then I said, "Lo, I come;  
in the roll of the book it is written of me;**
- 8 **I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

*Response*

- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
**lo, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.**
- 10 I have not hid your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your salvation;  
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**
- 11 O Lord, do not withhold  
your mercy from me,  
**let your steadfast love and faithfulness  
ever preserve me!**

*Response*

**The Scripture Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**The Hymn No. 463**

*Lord, Speak to Me*

CANONBURY

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou hast sought, so let me seek  
thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand  
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,  
until thy blessed face I see,  
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

**The Sermon**

*Always Enough*

Dr. Matt Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*I Waited Patiently for the Lord*

Gerald Bales

I waited patiently for the Lord  
and he inclined unto me and heard my calling.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth for ever more.

Psalm 40:1; Psalm 121:8

*Copyright 1981 Randall M. Eagan & Associates, Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.*

**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. 2137**

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

KINGSFOLD

1. Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?
2. Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
When on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"  
you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

*© 1997 GIA Publications, Inc. Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-731785. All rights reserved.*

## **The Benediction**

### **The Choral Response**

He came by water and by blood  
to heal our lost condition;  
he cleanses, reconciles to God,  
and gives the Great Commission.  
Then let us not heed worldly lies  
nor rest upon our merit,  
but trust in Christ who will baptize  
with water and the Spirit  
that we may life inherit.

### **The Postlude**

*To God Be the Glory*

William H. Doane

*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**

### **I Corinthians 1:1-9**

#### **Salutation**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# *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*

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY is back!** Join us on Wednesday as we gather on Zoom to look at the scripture for the upcoming week. An email is out with all the details on Tuesdays. If you would like to be added to the Bible study email list, please contact the church office.

**THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3** - We will not be meeting today, but join us next week as we continue with *The Chosen – Season 3*.

**2023 ALTAR FLOWERS DATE REQUESTS** - It's that time of year again, the weekly altar flower calendar is being set up. Time to choose that special date to honor or remember friends and family or recognize a special event. You may sign up in any of the following ways:

1. Select a date from the list placed in the office hallway
2. Request a date using our online form. You will be contacted to confirm the date. Please use the QR code below to access the form.
3. Call Mary E Vetrovec at 804-615-8175 and chose your date the "old fashioned way" in person.

You may select any date that is open. First come is first served. Costs. \$44.00 for the first Sunday Communion Sunday (2 arrangements). \$22.00 for all other Sundays(1 arrangement)



ALTAR FLOWERS

# *Upcoming Events*

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>January 16</b>	<b>Office Closed – MLK Day</b>	
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>January 18</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<b>VICPP – Day for All People Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>January 20</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Friday Lunch Program</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>In-person and Livestream Worship <i>The Chosen</i></b>

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>February 4</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Smethie Circle – UMFS tour</b>
-------------------	-----------------	-----------------------------------

**Online Giving Made Easy – No Account Needed!**

