



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

The Prelude

Méditation

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The Introit

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

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The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need; we are released from fear.

People: The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.

Leader: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.

People: God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.

Leader: God will give us abundantly from God's own love.

**People: Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days,
and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 578

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, who created us in God's own image,
we are grateful for all that you have done for us,
for all that you are doing in us,
and for all that you will do through us.**

**Open our eyes to see your presence among us,
moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places.**

Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—

ways that will change us and challenge us
to become the people you created us to be.
Grant us the power and the courage
to come out of the darkness
and into the light of Jesus Christ,
that we may serve you by serving others.
We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter page 754

Psalm 23

Ps. 23:1
Joseph Gelineau



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in - deed shall I want.

Response

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**
leads me beside still waters,
- 3 restores my life,
leads me in right paths
for the sake of the Lord's name.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

Response

- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I live.

Response

The Old Testament Lesson

I Samuel 16:1-13

The Hymn No. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Sermon

You've Just Been Elected!

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Robert Leaf

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. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

The Benediction

The Choral Response Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.
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The Postlude

My Tribute

Andraé Crouch

PLEASE WELCOME 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 for and assistant director of the Richmond Symphony Chorus.

*The altar flowers this morning are in memory of Cheryl Kara
by Heidi Kara.*

*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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

David Anointed as King

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we

will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

TODAY IS UMCOR DAY - Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to provide hope for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. UMCOR Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and support for UMCOR. The special offering Sunday underwrites the administrative costs associated with the operation of the ministry so that 100% of any donations for a specific appeal will go towards that project and not administrative cost. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support so please consider the good work they do for those in extreme need and help them continue this mission by donating this Sunday. You can [give online](#) by choosing UMCOR Sunday in the Fund pull down menu, or please write UMCOR Sunday in the memo line of your check.

2023 GERANIUM SALE – It’s that time again! Time to order your geraniums. They are \$4.50 per 4.5 in. pot. You can choose from red pink and white. The proceeds benefits Shalom Farms food ministry. To order or if you have any questions, contact Leah Hundley - 804-615-3581 or lchphn@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to **UMUMR** but mailed to Leah. Order deadline is March 24.

COLLECTION FOR THE DOORWAYS - We have another opportunity to collect non-perishable food for The Doorways. The Doorways provides a home away from home for the families with a loved one at participating Richmond-area hospital partners. Our collection of canned and packaged goods will help The Doorways supply the residents the items they need to prepare their own meals. To find out more about The Doorways, please visit their website – thedorways.org.

We will have a basket next to the parlor for your contributions from Sunday, March 12 through Sunday, March 26. Please help us provide food for those families during their time of need. Thanks, from the Serving Team.

PUB THEOLOGY- TODAY, 4:00-5:30pm. We are meeting at Hardywood Brewery – 2410 Ownby Lane. Questions? Contact Molly Monaghan – mollymonaghan1839@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ! 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 – Join us today and every Sunday in Fellowship Hall following worship. We will journey with Jesus together as we watch season 3 of *The Chosen*.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

March 19	11:30 am 4:00 pm	The Chosen Pub Theology
March 20	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
March 21	Noon	AA
March 22	10:00 am 7:15 pm	Zoom Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
March 24	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
March 26	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Let's Get Acquainted In-person and Livestream Worship The Chosen

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2	Palm Passion Sunday 10:00 am – Blessing of the Palms at St. Paul's Episcopal 10:30 am – Palm Sunday Worship
April 6	Holy Thursday Service – 7:30 pm
April 7	Good Friday Service -7:30 pm
April 9	Easter Worship – 10:30 am

All services at Centenary are in person and online.