



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Easter

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 Peace may be exchanged

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The Introit

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

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The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

People: It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.

Leader: Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship

People: Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

People: Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives. Amen.

The Processional Hymn No. 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

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The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives
when we feel alone.**

We wonder where you are.

We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt.

And when you do not immediately

grant the prayers of our cries,

we begin to doubt that you even care or exist.

Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction.

Help us look around and find the many ways

in which you have blessed our lives.

Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt

and so arrogant in our demands of your responses.

Give us a spirit of patience and willingness

to be ready to hear your voice.

Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope

that you have placed before us;

for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness,

the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you.

Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God!

Amen.

The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Psalter pages 790

Psalm 66:8-20

Ps. 67:4a, 7
Carlton R. Young

O Peo-ple, be glad and sing for joy! De -
clare God's glo - ry in ev - ery Land!

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Response

8 Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,

- 9 who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
- 10 **For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**
- 11 You have brought us into the net;
you laid affliction on our loins;
- 12 **you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.**

Response

- 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
14 that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- 15 **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Response

- 16 Come and hear, all you who worship God,
and I will tell what God has done for me.
- 17 **I cry aloud to God,
who was highly praised with my tongue.**
- 18 If I cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
- 19 **But truly God has listened,
and has given heed to the voice of my prayer.**
- 20 **Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Response

The Scripture Lesson

John 14:15-21

The Hymn No. 2213

Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
3. Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

The Sermon

Don't Forget This!

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father.
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

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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 Recessional 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

So then the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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The Postlude

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual

Today our organist is Mark Koontz.

***Reminder! Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning
by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).***

***The altar flowers this morning are in honor of our first wedding anniversary by Kathy Talley
and Bob Blinn.***

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us throughout the week to make all the worship
services this week possible.***

Scripture

John 14:15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Announcements

LOST AND FOUND – A DAY OF REFLECTION, HOPE AND HEALING – Saturday, May 20, 9:30am-3:00pm. Cost: \$35. Our worlds have been turned upside down in the past three years. Our facilitator, David Hoover, will lead us in a day of meditation, silence and sharing as we examine together what has been the toll and treasure of these pandemic years. For more information, contact the church office. To register use QR or email davidwhoover@aol.com.



THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA MASTERWORKS CHORALE will present two performances of Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem (German Requiem) Opus 45* on Friday, May 19, 2023, 7:30pm at Grace Baptist Church, 4200 Dover Road, Richmond, VA and on Sunday, May 21, 2023, 3:00pm at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 Henry Street, Ashland, VA with Artistic Director Ryan Tibbetts. This will be a special concert of the "four hand" version of the Requiem with guest pianists Daniel Stripe and Ingrid Keller. Three members of Centenary UMC perform with the Chorale. If you have interest in attending contact Vic Grand @ (804) 495-5673 or Nancy Grand @ (804) 495-5674.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10:00am - Join us on Wednesdays 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.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

May 15	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
May 16	Noon	AA
May 17	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
May 19	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
May 20	9:30 am	Lost and Found: A Day of Reflection, Hope and Healing
May 21	10:30 am	In person & Live Stream Worship

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