



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2023

Ascension of the Lord

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

The Prelude

Give Me Jesus

African-American spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr

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The Introit

The Lord ascendeth up on high,
the lord hath triumphed gloriously,
in power and might excelling;
the grave and hell are captive led.
Lo! he returns, our glorious Head,
to his eternal dwelling.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: God has made us whole.

People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

People: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. Amen

The Processional Hymn No. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord of amazing visions,
prepare our hearts and our spirits this day
to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate.
Help make us ready to be your disciples
in all that we do, say, and think.
For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

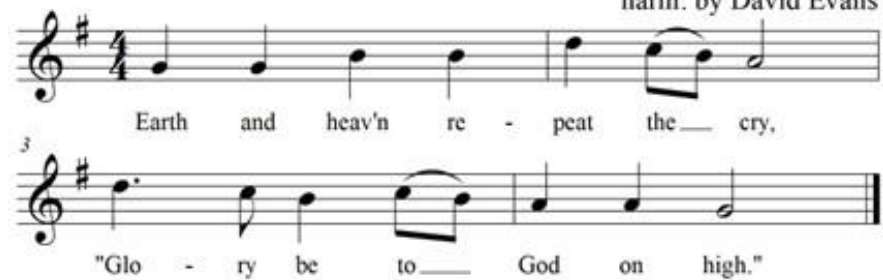
The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Psalter pages 781

Psalm 47

Charles Wesley
Robert Williams
harm. by David Evans



Earth and heav'n re - peat the cry,
"Glo - ry be to God on high."

Response

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared.
a great Ruler over all the earth.
- 3 who subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet,
- 4 **who chose our
heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob
whom God loves.**

Response

- 5 God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the Ruler of the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

9 The princes of the people gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
**For the shields of the earth belong to God,
who is highly exalted!**

Response

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Hymn No. 2070

He is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

The Anthem

God Is Gone Up with a Merry Noise

Arthur Hutchings

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The Sermon

Those Wounds Yet Visible Above

Dr. Matt Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Blest Are They

David Haas

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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. 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

The Benediction

The Choral Response

The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
by saints, by angel hosts adored;
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore thy glorious King!
His rising, his ascension sing
with grateful adoration!

The Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. Ethel Rogers

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Today our organist is Mark Fleisher.

*The altar flowers this morning are in memory of Charlie Webber,
on his birthday, by Lou Webber.*

*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 throughout the week to make all the worship
services this week possible.*

Scripture

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul's Prayer

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Announcements

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – *Oceans 11* (1960). Friday, May 26 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. FREE! Theatre on the Mount is pleased to present a Rat Pack Classic! Starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Fr., Peter Lawford, and Angie Dickinson and a host of other stars. An exciting caper of former Army buddies who try to pull off a daring New Year's Eve robbery of five Las Vegas casinos! Popcorn, soda, and some incredibly special treats will be provided! Come join your Centenary Church family for a night of fun and excitement...and some interesting things you didn't know about the original film that was later rebooted by many of Hollywood's top stars! We'll see you at the movies!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Sunday May, 28 after church. Join us for an "Ice Cream Social" in appreciation of Minister to Senior Adults, Tim Gerde for his eight years of service to seniors at Centenary. Weather permitting, we hope to gather on the sidewalk and in the courtyard in front of the church. It will be an informal time to share words of gratitude to Tim and to wish him all the best.

OH, IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK - Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30am Have you ever wanted to know more of the story concerning our historic Centenary UMC? Who were those early Richmond Methodists? Why does our church have that Gothic feel? Tell me about those beautiful stained-glass windows? Tell me more, more, more (but not too much). Famous raconteur and tour guide, Bob Almond will be presenting *The Centenary Story* on June 6. Meet in our sanctuary at 10:30 am. Bob will enlighten you with what our walls have heard over the last 200 years. Invite a friend to listen and learn and try a downtown restaurant. Parking may be available in the lot behind the church or on the surroundings streets.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Thursday, June 8 at 9:00am at Hollows Golf Club. Centenary is hosting a golf tournament to raise funds to help send kids to camp this summer! We are looking for sponsors, golfers, and volunteers. For more information see the Events page of the church's website. centumc.org/events. Use the QR code to sign up!



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 22	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
May 23	Noon	AA
May 24	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
May 26	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	7:00 pm	Movie Night – <i>Oceans 11</i>
May 28	10:30 am	In person & Live Stream Worship Ice Cream Social for Rev. Tim Gerde

LOOKING AHEAD

May 29		Office Closed – Memorial Day
June 6	10:30 am	Church Tour
June 8	9:00 am	Golf Tournament

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