



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 18, 2023**

**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**

*My Tribute*

Andrae Crouch

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness?

**People: We come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: For the Lord our God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**The Hymn No. 57**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of all power and peace,  
as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick,  
cast out demons,  
gather the lost,  
raise the dead,  
and proclaim the nearness of your realm,  
make us ready to go  
and share the good news we have received;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Announcements**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

Ps. 116:19b,  
Carlton R. You

O — praise the Lord, who de  
liv - ers your soul — from death. —

*Response*

- 1 I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications,
- 2 and has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called.
- 3 **The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”

*Response*

- 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- 6 **The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 **I walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.**
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted.”
- 11 **I said in my consternation,  
“All humans are a vain hope.”**

*Response*

- 12 What shall I return to the Lord  
for all my benefits?
- 13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,  
in the presence of all his people,  
19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!**

*Response*

**The Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

**The Hymn No. 480**

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths  
its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze  
its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms  
red life that shall endless be.

**The Sermon**

*The Power in Knowing Your Purpose*

Dr. Matt Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*O Rest in the Lord*  
Todd Minnich, soloist

Mendelssohn

**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. 2153**

*I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **The Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Hayes

*Today our organist is Mark Fleisher.*

*The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of my mother,  
Karen Sue Rorrer by Todd Rorrer.*

*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**

## **Matthew 9:35-10:23**

### **The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

### **The Twelve Apostles**

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

### **The Mission of the Twelve**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff,

for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

## **Coming Persecutions**

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

## *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*

**HAPPY 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – Forty years ago today, Matt and Amy Bates were married! Wishing you many more happy years ahead!

**THANK YOU** for your kind notes, cards, calls, flowers, and most especially for your prayers during my father's recent illness and death. Your prayers upheld my family at a difficult time. I am so blessed to work for such a wonderful congregation! -Laura Nealley

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

**Maggie Davis** graduated from The New Community School with plans to attend the University of Lynchburg in the fall. Maggie is the daughter of our accountant, Marcia Davis.

**Maj. Andrew Deel** graduated from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After graduation, he will serve on the 101st Airborne Division's staff at Fort Campbell, Kentucky as Chief of Administrative Law.

**Claire Hundley** graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design. After interning with Baskervill Architects last summer and this past winter break, she is excited to accept their offer and begin working full time for them this summer.

**Taylor Lee** graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In the fall she will be teaching first grade at Shenandoah Elementary in Shenandoah, VA.

**Haseenah Smith** of Change the World RVA graduated from Brightpoint Community College with a nursing degree. She plans to work as a nurse in the Virginia correctional system.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>June 19</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Change the World/RVA
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>June 21</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Zoom Bible Study
<b>June 23</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>Noon</b>	Friday Lunch Program AA
<b>June 25</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	In person & Live Stream Worship

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