



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 25, 2023

Fourth 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Miller

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**People: We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

The Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain***

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity,
we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.**

**Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire
for the coming of your kingdom
which will unite all Christians
in one mission to the world.
May we all grow up together into him
who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Psalter No. 791

Psalm 67

- 1 O God, be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face to shine upon us,
- 2 **that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- 6 **The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**
- 7 God has blessed us;
let all the ends of the earth fear God!

The Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 9:6-8, 13

The Hymn No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

- Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

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The Sermon

Can God Use A Person Like Me?

Rev. Andrew Lee

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

O Divine Redeemer
Todd Minnich, soloist

Gounod

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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 Hymn No. 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Sent Out In Jesus' Name

Trad. Cuban; arr. by Carmen Pena

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Today our organist is Mark Fleisher.

*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

2 Samuel 9:6-8, 13

⁶ Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant." ⁷ David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always." ⁸ He did obeisance and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

¹³ Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he always ate at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

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

IT IS OUR GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME REV. ANDREW LEE AND JANICE LEE as our guests this morning. We will learn about their mission in Cambodia and Janice will share about her Susanna Wesley ministry. Please join us after worship in the social hall for more personal conversation with Andrew and Janice. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Join us AT 10:00am via Zoom, as we take a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday! An email is sent 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. admin@centumc.org

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

June 26	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
June 27	Noon	AA
June 28	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
June 30	10:30 am Noon	Friday Lunch Program AA
July 2	10:30 am	In person & Live Stream Worship

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