



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday of 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

America the Beautiful

arr. Kartsonakis

The Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness
as God's holy people.

**People: We answer this call by the grace of God
through the power of the Holy Spirit
in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Come, let us worship God!

The Hymn No. 116

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.
2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.
3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who gives us birth by water and Holy Spirit,
teach us how to live always in integrity
of body, mind, and spirit,
in obedience to your love,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

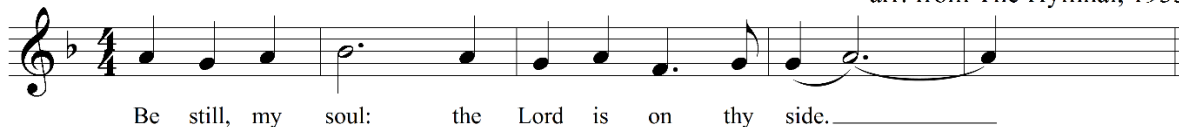
The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Psalter pages 746

Psalm 13

Katharina von Schlegel
trans. by Jane Borthwick
Jean Sibelius
arr. from The Hymnal, 1933



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. _____

Response

- 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Response

- 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him";
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- 5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

Response

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

The Hymn No. 2196

We Walk by Faith

MARTYRDOM

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, in full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

The Homily

The Long Walk Home

Dr. Matt Bates

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

Come Unto Me (He Shall Feed His Flock)

Handel

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,

with your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert; adapt. by Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might. might.
Heav - en and earth are full, full
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
name of the Lord.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The congregation may be seated.)

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles H. Webb



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ ___ will come a-gain.

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert, arr. by Charles Webb



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Communion Music

Amazing Grace

The Hymn No. 710

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

1. Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of the martyrs, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of the martyrs, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Let There Be Peace On Earth

by Syd Miller and Jill Jackson

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Today our organist is Fleisher.

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Todd Minnich
in memory of John C. Ford, Jr.*

*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

Genesis 22:1-14

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

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| July 3 | 5:00 pm | Change the World/RVA |
| June 4 | Office Closed | |
| June 5 | 10:00 am | Zoom Bible Study |
| July 7 | 10:30 am Noon | Friday Lunch Program AA |
| July 9 | 10:30 am | In person & Live Stream Worship |

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