



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 16, 2023

Seventh 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

Canzona on "Blessed Jesus, at thy Word"

Richard Purvis

The Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

People: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

The Hymn No. 363

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

SAGINA

1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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2. 'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.
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3. He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
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4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
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5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.
Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people.**

The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Psalter

Psalm 119:105-112

Ps. 119:105
Jane Marshall

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the psalm, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Response

- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
- 106 **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**
- 107 I am severely afflicted;
give me lift, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 **Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**
- 109 I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
- 110 **The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**
- 111 Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

Response

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

The Hymn No. 404

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

Refrain:

- Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
1. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**
 2. Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. **Refrain**

The Sermon

The Extravagant Sower

Dr. Barry Penn Hollar

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

O Saviour, Hear Me
Emily Downey, soloist

Gluck

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. 733

Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. ***Refrain***
 3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. ***Refrain***
 4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. ***Refrain***

The Benediction

The Postlude

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss

Today our organist is Mark Koontz.

***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.***

TODAY WE WELCOME DR. BARRY PENN HOLLAR AS OUR GUEST PREACHER.

Barry Penn Hollar is Professor Emeritus at Shenandoah University having retired in 2020 after 29 years teaching Religion and Philosophy there. His undergraduate degrees were in Religious Studies and Economics from the University of Virginia, where he also played baseball. He earned an M.Div. and an

M. A. In Public Policy Sciences from Duke University. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1980 and served charges in Madison and Orange counties. He and Jayne were married in 1981 in Argentina, where he was serving as a Mission Intern with the Board of Global Ministries, participating in the ministries of the Methodist Church of Argentina to political prisoners and the families of the disappeared under the Argentine military dictatorship. Soon after their return, he began PhD work in religious studies at the University of Virginia earning his doctorate with an emphasis on Christian social ethics and biomedical ethics in 1990. He served on the School Board in Madison county, the last four years of chair of the board. He and Jayne have one son, Quentin, and daughter-in-law Bonnie Hamilton and three grandchildren. He is an avid bicyclist, fan of Americana music, and supporter of University of Virginia athletics.

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. **2** Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. **5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. **6** But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8** Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9** If you have ears, hear!”

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.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

July 17	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
July 18	Noon	AA
July 21	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	Noon	AA
July 23	10:30 am	In person & Live Stream Worship