



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 6, 2023

Tenth 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

People: The Lord will provide for our needs.

Leader: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

People: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

Leader: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

**People: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits
to receive your gracious gift of love.**

The Hymn No. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; **Refrain**
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; **Refrain**
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; **Refrain**
5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; **Refrain**
6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: **Refrain**

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O Bread of heaven, come down.

**Come down and fill us with your Spirit—
for your Spirit satisfies like no other.**

**We hunger and thirst for you this morning
and long to be nurtured in your love and forgiveness.**

**So we come to this sacred time and place,
where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied
as only your bread can do.**

We will wait and listen for your leading in this hour. Amen.

The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The Psalter page 749

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

- 1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- 2 From you let my vindication come!
Let your eyes see the right!
- 3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
**if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.**
- 4 Concerning what others do:
I have avoided the ways of the violent
by following your word.
- 5 **My steps have held fast to your paths,
my feet have not slipped.**
- 6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- 7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 15 **As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.**

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

The Hymn No. 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
4. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

The Homily

More Than Enough!

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 Duet

Gloria – Laudamus te
Emily Downey and Lynn LaBarre

Vivaldi

+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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and
 might. — Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
 - ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! — Blest is the one who
 comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! —

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(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.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will
 come a - gain. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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.

A - men. A - men. A -
 men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

The Hymn No. 348 *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* THOMPSON

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? ***Refrain***
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. ***Refrain***
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. ***Refrain***

The Benediction

The Postlude *Grace Greater than Our Sin* Daniel B. Towner

Lee Covington is our musician this morning.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Jan & Troy Nelson in memory of their parents, Gene & Barbara Sheils and Troy & Helen Nelson.

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.

Announcements

GET YOUR PECANS NOW! - Please place your order by Sept 1. Halves, medium pieces, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and cinnamon glazed. Still \$12.00 pie bag. To order, please contact the church office. – admin@centumc.org

ALTAR FLOWERS - There are Sundays available in the upcoming months to enhance our worship with flowers. Please contact the church office if you would like to sign up. – admin@centumc.org. Available Sundays are:

- September 3 (2 vases)
- October 1 (2 vases), 15, 22 & 29
- November 5 (2 vases)