



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 13, 2023**

**Eleventh 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**

*He Looked Beyond My Fault*

arr. Kartsonakis

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: God lifts us from death to life

**People: and preserves us for God's purposes**

Leader: through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

**People: and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

**All: With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!**

**The Hymn No. 2140**

*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

MCDANIEL

1. What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought  
since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

***Refrain:***

Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,  
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.

2. I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,  
since Jesus came into my heart!  
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,  
since Jesus came into my heart! ***Refrain***
3. I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,  
since Jesus came into my heart!  
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,  
since Jesus came into my heart! ***Refrain***
4. There's a light in the valley of death now for me,  
since Jesus came into my heart!  
And the gates of the City beyond I can see,  
since Jesus came into my heart! ***Refrain***
5. I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know  
since Jesus came into my heart!  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,  
since Jesus came into my heart! ***Refrain***

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil  
to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives.  
Help us to recognize your presence,  
remember your promise, rely on your power,  
and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.**

**The Announcements**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Psalter No. 806**

Psalm 85

Is. 40:5  
Jane Marshall

The glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - vealed,  
and all flesh shall see it to - geth - er.

Alternate response at Ps. 91.

**Response**

- 1 Lord, you showed favor to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 **You forgave the iniquity of your people;**  
**you pardoned all their sin.**
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.
- 4 **Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**  
**and put away your indignation toward us!**
- 5 Will you be angry with us forever?  
will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,**  
**and grant us your salvation.**

**Response**

- 8 Let me hear what God will speak,  
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.
- 9 **Surely salvation is at hand, for those who fear the Lord,**  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- 11 **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**  
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
- 12 The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 **Righteousness will go before the Lord,**  
**and make God's footsteps a way.**

**Response**

**The Hymn No. 189**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 14:22-33

**The Sermon**

*Jesus' Superpower – And Where it Came From*

Dr. Matt Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Solo**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Brittany Brooks, soloist

arr. Walters

**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. 337**

*Only Trust Him*

STOCKTON

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord;  
and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

**Refrain:**

- Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
2. For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow;  
plunge now into the crimson flood that washes bright as snow. **Refrain**
  3. Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest;  
believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest. **Refrain**
  4. Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go,  
to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow. **Refrain**

## The Benediction

The Postlude

Highland Cathedral

Korb & Roever

*Today our organist is Mark Fleisher.*

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Mitzi Golod in memory of HB "Tripp" Rhame III.*

*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 this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

## 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.

## Scripture

### Matthew 14:22-33

#### Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

# *Announcements*

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – We are back! Starting Wednesday, August 16 at 10:00am. Each week we will look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. An email is sent out every Tuesday with the Zoom link and all the details. If you would like to join us, contact the church office to be put on the email list.

**PECAN SALE BEGINS 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.

**FLOWERS ON THE CHURCH ALTAR MAKE OUR HEARTS SING!** We appreciate all who have remembered or honored a loved person in this way. There are only three Sundays left available in 2023. If you would like to enhance our worship with flowers, please contact the church office. Cost is \$22/Sunday, \$44/the first Sunday of the month. Available Sundays are October 1, 15, & 22

## *Upcoming Events*

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>August 14</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Change the World/RVA
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>August 16</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Bible Study - Zoom
<b>August 18</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>Noon</b>	Friday Lunch Program AA
<b>August 20</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	In person & Live Stream Worship