



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 27, 2023

Thirteenth 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

Total Praise

Smallwood

The Call to Worship

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

People: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Let us worship God.

The Hymn No. 68

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

1. When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried
Alleluia!
2. How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!
3. So has the church in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!
5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!

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The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Declaration of Forgiveness

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
we would now be lost in sin.
But it is the Lord who is on our side.
And so we are forgiven.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter No. 846

Psalm 124

Charles Albert Tindley



When the storms of life are rag-ing, stand by me.

Response

- 1 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
- 2 **if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**
when foes rose up against us,
- 3 **then they would have swallowed us up alive,**
when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 **then the raging waters**
would have gone over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!
- 7 **We have escaped as a bird**
from the snares of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!
- 8 **Our help is in the name of the Lord**
who made heaven and earth.

Response

The Hymn No. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

The Sermon

A New Mind

Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Duet

Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus
Lynn LaBarre and Kate Hundley

Kosche

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. 568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord; with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Trumpet Tune

German

Today our organist is Mark Fleisher.

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Pat Shipley in loving memory of
Jim, Elinor and Tom Shipley.*

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

Romans 12:1-8

The New Life in Christ

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Announcements

CENTENARY CONNECTS WITH FELLOWSHIP AND FRIED CHICKEN - September 10 after the 10:30 am service. Lunch on the grounds. Mark your calendar now! Join fellow pewmates for a picnic style meal. Meat and beverages will be furnished. Bring your favorite summer side dish to share. Don't cook or shop? Come anyway All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed for:

- table hosts- appetite for food and conversation necessary.
- dining room set up-30 minutes pre-worship and walking shoes needed
- food arrangers -ability to sort salads from desserts is important
- end of meal helpers-all hands on deck as "many hands make light work" just like mama said

Contact the church office and offer your help.

DID YOU KNOW that just a handful of pecans a day can reduce risk of heart disease and diabetes? Snacking on pecans comes with impressive health benefits, including lowering risk of heart disease and diabetes and helping with weight management. So, 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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays 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.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

August 28	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
August 29	Noon	AA
August 30	10:00 am	Bible Study - Zoom
September 1	10:30 am Noon	Friday Lunch Program AA
September 3	10:30 am	In person & Live Stream Worship

UPCOMING

September 9	After Worship	Fellowship and Fried Chicken
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