



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
(Alone to God in the highest be glory, BWV 663)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Call to Worship

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Let us worship God!

The Hymn No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of mystery and might,
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds,
soften our hearts, direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.
Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer of Illumination

Is. 40:31a

Don E. Saliers

**Response**

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, sing praises!**
Tell of all God's wonderful works!
- 3 Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- 4 **Seek the Lord and his strength;**
seek the Lord's presence continually!
- 5 Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,**
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Response

- 7 The Lord is our God,
whose judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 **The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,**
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,
- 9 the covenant made with Abraham,
his promise sworn to Isaac,
- 10 and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,
- 11 **"To you I will give the land of Canaan**
as your portion for an inheritance."

Response**The Hymn No. 613***O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

LAND OF REST

1. O Thou who this mysterious bread didst in Emmaus break,
return, herewith our souls to feed, and to thy followers speak.
2. Unseal the volume of thy grace, apply the gospel word;
open our eyes to see thy face, our hearts to know the Lord.
3. Of thee communing still, we mourn till thou the veil remove;
talk with us, and our hearts shall burn with flames of fervent love.
4. Enkindle now the heavenly zeal, and make thy mercy known,
and give our pardoned souls to feel that God and love are one.

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The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

The Homily*Who, Me?*

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 Solo

Sing with Grace in Your Heart
Todd Minnich

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. Wood

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The Hymn No. 2175

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.
2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Allen, Arr. Wolaver

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Today our organist is Mark Koontz.

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Lou Webber in memory of
our 70th wedding anniversary ~ September 4, 1953.*

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 ~ Exodus 3:1-15

Moses at the Burning Bush

³ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

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.

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 Mary E. at 804-615-8175 and offer your help.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER PECANS! – 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! Halves, medium pieces, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and cinnamon glazed. Still \$12.00 pie bag. To order contact Leah Hundley 804-615-3581 or lchphn@gmail.com

NAME TAGS - New name tags are here soon! Please look for the newly redesigned name tags on Sunday, September 10! If you had a name tag before, you will see the new one waiting for you. Misplaced yours? Never had one? Just contact the church office and we will get one ready for you!

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

September 4	Office Closed – Labor Day	
September 5	Noon	AA
September 6	10:00 am	Bible Study - Zoom
September 8	10:30 am Noon	Friday Lunch Program AA
September 10	10:30 am	In person & Online Worship Fellowship and Fried Chicken

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