

Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth 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.

Prelude

Wondrous Love

Dale Wood

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: bless God's holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God, our source and our salvation,
in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us.**

**Make your love for us bear fruit
in our forgiveness of others,
that in this life we may know
your all-embracing compassion
and in the world to come
receive the everlasting joy of fellowship
you share with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

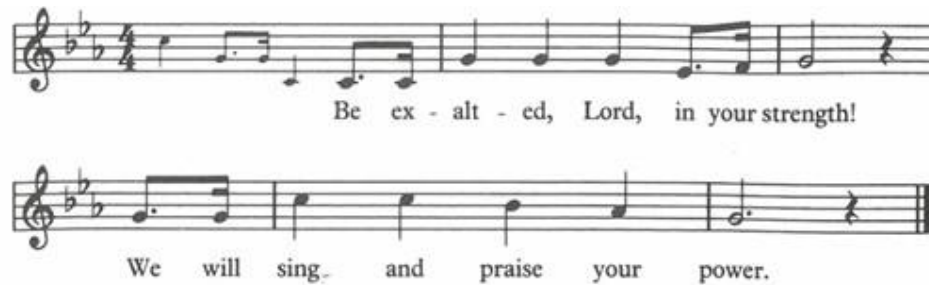
Announcements

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading No. 135

Canticle of Moses and Miriam



Response

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

**“I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation;

this is my God whom I will praise.

I will exalt my father's God
who is a mighty warrior,
whose name is the Lord.

**Pharaoh's chariots and his host the Lord cast into the sea;
and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.**

The floods cover them,
they went down into the depths like a stone.

**Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

Response

“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

**You stretched out your right hand,
the earth swallowed them.**

In your steadfast love,
you have led the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Response

“You will bring them in,
and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.”

Response

Then Miriam, the prophet, the sister of Aaron,
took a timbrel in her hand;
and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing,
and Miriam sang to them:

**“Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.”**

Response

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Hymn No. 2162

Grace Alone

GRACE ALONE

1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain:

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. **Refrain**

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Forgive Us Our Trespasses As...

Dr. Matt Bates

Affirmation of Faith No. 884

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifested in flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**
**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**
**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**
**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**
**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dale Wood

Doxology No. 94

Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

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. 170

O How I Love Jesus

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

- O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. ***Refrain***
 3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. ***Refrain***

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Go Down Moses

Today our organist is Mark Koontz.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Sue Sanderlin in honor of family birthdays.

*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.

Announcements

SMETHIE CIRCLE NEWS - UMW Smethie Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Join us at 1:00 pm at the home of Leah Hundley. Light lunch provided. Rev. Kathy Talley will be our speaker. Please RSVP to the church office.

PRIDE EUCHARIST | SEPTEMBER 21 @ 6:00 PM. - The Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond will gather at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (815 E Grace St, Richmond) to host a Pride Eucharist. All are invited to participate in this powerful celebration of God's love. We hope you will also join us at the Brown's Island Pride Festival.. For more information about being a part of the Pride Eucharist Choir please contact Scott Hayes at shayes@allsaintsrichmond.org.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - We are taking a little break and will be back on October 11. If you would like to join us in October, contact the church office to be put on the email list for all the details.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

September 18	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
September 19	Noon	AA
September 20	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
September 22	10:30 am Noon	Friday Lunch Program AA
September 24	10:30 am	In person & Online Worship