



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 15, 2023

Twentieth 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

Some Other Time

Leonard Bernstein

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Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: This is the feast.

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: This is the feast of life and light.

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

People: We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn No. 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**
3. Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. **Refrain**
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. **Refrain**

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Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God, you set before us every day
a bounty of good things.**

**Bring us to your feasting table,
hungry for your Word,
eager to rebuild the cities you have made,
and ready to receive strangers
so that we celebrate at all times and in all places
the peace which is life in you. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalter

Psalm 106 selected verses

Folliot S. Pierpoint
Conrad Kocher



Response

- 1 Praise the Lord!
**O give thanks to the Lord who is good;
whose steadfast love endures for ever!**
- 2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or show forth all God's praise?
- 3 **Blessed are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!**
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor
to your people; help me when you deliver them,
- 5 **that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory with your heritage.**
- 6 **Both we and our forebears have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.**

Response

- 19 They made a calf in Horeb
and worshiped a molten image.
- 20 **They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.**
- 21 They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 **wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and terrible things by the Red Sea.**
- 23 **Therefore the Lord intended to destroy them
had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach,
to turn away God's wrath from destroying them.**

Response

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

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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Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

There's a Party Going On!

Dr. Matt Bates

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirits Tether

Friedell

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. 670

Go Forth for God

GENEVA 124

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit, daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

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Benediction

Choral Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

Postlude

Jubilate Deo

Tate Pumfrey

The altar flowers this morning are given by Heidi Kara in memory of Colleen M. Holder on her 73rd birthday and in honor of my niece, Avery M. Kara on her 3rd birthday.

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2023 - You are invited to attend our Charge Conference today at 6:30 pm at Reveille UMC. We will present reports about where we have seen God working in our congregation in the past year and our hopes and dreams for ministry for 2024. Other items of business will include setting the pastor's compensation for 2024 and electing leaders for 2024.

BEING UNITED METHODIST CHRISTIANS - You are invited to join us to refresh your understanding of the United Methodist version of the Christian faith, or explore this spiritual tradition for the first time. We offer the course at two different times and in two different formats. The **in-person** format started today and runs through Nov. 26. Feel free to join us next week! The **online** format run Thursday, Oct. 12 - Nov. 30 (excluding Thanksgiving) at 7:00 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out every Wednesday. Feel free to drop in when you can.

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - *One Night Only!!!* Friday, October 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **ADMISSION FREE!** In celebration of the end of Summer, Theatre on the Mount, everyone's favorite performing arts ministry, is proud to present the Oscar Winning Classic...*Field Of Dreams*. The feature will be preceded by a famous Bugs Bunny Baseball cartoon! Popcorn, soda, and special treats will be provided. Come join your church family for a night of baseball and family fun...and some interesting facts you probably didn't know about the film!

GORDONSVILLE/FALL FOLIAGE DATE CORRECTION - *We will travel to Gordonsville on October 23, not October 26 as previously stated in the newsletter.* Join us on October 23 for a visit to Gordonsville, Virginia, located between Orange and Louisa in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We will have lunch at The Well-Hung Vineyard Cafe, an American style diner, explore downtown Gordonsville and more! Call friends and plan a leaf-peeping/lunch eating/sightseeing day. Transportation not provided. If you are joining us for lunch, please RSVP so we can make reservations. To RSVP or for more information – please contact the church office.

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

October 15	6:30 pm	Charge Conference at Reville UMC
October 16	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
October 17	Noon	AA
October 18	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Zoom Choir Rehearsal
October 19	7:00 pm	Being United Methodist Christians - Zoom
October 20	10:30 am Noon 7:00 pm	Friday Lunch Program AA Movie Night – <i>Field of Dreams</i>
October 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Being United Methodist Christians In person & Online Worship
October 23	10:00 am	Fall Foliage/Lunch Trip