



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 5, 2023**

**All Saints Sunday**

*As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation  
as we prepare to worship God together.*

**Prelude**

*Requiem aeternam*

Charles Callahan

**Choral Introit**

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**People: happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**All: With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord!**

**Hymn No. 90**

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

**Refrain:**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord: **Refrain**
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song: **Refrain**
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One: **Refrain**

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship,  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord.  
Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints  
in all virtuous and godly living,  
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,  
which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalter

Psalms 34:1-10, 22



*Response*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and be glad.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together!
- 4 **I sought the Lord, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- 5 Look to God and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 **The poor cried out, and the Lord heard,  
and saved them out of all their troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear God, and delivers them.
- 8 **O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

*Response*

- 9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear God have no want!
- 10 **The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**
- 22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
**none of those who take refuge in God  
will be condemned.**

*Response*

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Hymn No. 2236

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

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**Homily**

*Choir Rehearsal*

Dr. Matt Bates

**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.

**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.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*O How Glorious*

Healey Willan

**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:

William Mathias

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly,

8 ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

12 Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

16 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*(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.

William Mathias

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.

William Mathias

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## 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.**

## Giving and Receiving of Communion

### Communion Music

#### Hymn No. 711

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE ISLE

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

#### *Refrain:*

- Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*
  3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. *Refrain*
  4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Refrain*
  5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
  6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

## Benediction

### Choral Response

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

### Postlude

*For All the Saints*

Jacob Weber

*The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Centenary Saints  
by Meredith, John and George Thrower.*

#### *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 ~ Revelation 7:9-17

### The Multitude from Every Nation

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Matthew 5:1-12

### The Beatitudes

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## *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*

**BRING IN THE HARVEST** - As our tradition, we are collecting food to donate to Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry. We are collecting food until November . Bring food to the sanctuary or old nursery. Suggested items include, but not limited to: (no perishables please)

canned corned beef or stew	spaghetti
spaghetti sauce	boxed macaroni and cheese
cake mix	canned cranberry sauce
package stuffing	instant mashed potatoes
box of cereal	jar peanut butter
dried beans or peas	canned tuna or salmon
canned fruit	canned vegetables
boxed milk	Stove Top stuffing
salt/pepper/spices	cooking/vegetable oil

**CHILI COOK-OFF – November 12** following the worship service. Prizes for the best chili! Sign up to bring a chili, side or dessert. Contact the church office to sign up.

# *Upcoming Events*

<b>November 5 - 19</b>		Bring In The Harvest
<b>November 6</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Change the World/RVA
<b>November 7</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>November 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>November 9</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Being United Methodist Christians
<b>November 10</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Friday Lunch Program
	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>November 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Being United Methodist Christians
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship – In person and online
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Chili Cook Off