



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 21, 2024

third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Prelude

Lord, Speak to Me

Schumann

Choral Introit

Trust and Obey

Call to Worship

Leader: God called to Jonah to get up,
go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

People: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

Leader: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

People: Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore

Leader: They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

People: Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.

Hymn No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

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Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, you are our light and our salvation.

Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear.

Open our hearts to your word this day.

As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples,

make us ready to follow Jesus

on whatever path he leads us.

Cast aside our fears and doubts

and teach us to trust wholly in you.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

Psalter

Psalm 62:5-12

Ps. 138:1,8a

Gary Alan Smith

I sing your praise for steadfast love;
fulfill your purpose for me.

Response

- 5 For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from God,
6 **who alone is my rock and my salvation,**
my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.
7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
8 **Trust in God at all times, O people;**
pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.

Response

- 9 Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
10 **Put no confidence in extortion,**
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
11 Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this:
power belongs to God;
12 **and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love,**
for you repay all according to their work.

Response

Hymn No. 2101

Two Fisherman

LEAVE ALL THINGS BEHIND

1. Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets into an agless sea.
Now Jesus watched them form afar, then called them each by name.
It changed their lives, these simple men; they'd never be the same.

Refrain:

- "Leave all things you have and come and follow me, and come and follow me."
2. And as he walked along the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret. **Refrain.**

3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene who traveled with your Lord,
you ministered to him with joy for he is God adored. **Refrain.**
4. And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way
Come leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day,
And listen as he calls your name to come and follow near;
For still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear. **Refrain.**

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Gospel Reading

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

Sermon

Anywhere But There!

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

I Hear Thy Voice

Edith Lang

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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.**

Hymn No. 578

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Benediction

Choral Response

Trust and Obey

Postlude

Ductore Si Te Praevio

Naji Hakim

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The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of my father's January birthday by Ruth Stewart.

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.*

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

HYMN SING AND POTLUCK - Our worship service on February 11 will be a time of singing some of our favorite hymns along with some old hymns some folks grew up on but have perhaps been forgotten. A potluck will follow worship. Here's how Mary E. Vetrovec, our Gathering Team chair has described this day which builds on our Centenary Connects theme for the year:

Question: How do I become a Methodist?

Answer: Easy - Believe in Jesus Christ and own a 9 X 12 casserole dish

Join mid-winter fun! Let's celebrate nostalgia with an old-fashioned hymn sing followed by a meal in the church fellowship hall. Think "All Hail the Power..." with casseroles and Jell-O salads! Bring your favorite, casserole, main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Family recipes are welcomed. Index cards are available to list your favorite hymns. Also, please include what potluck dish you would like to bring to share. (casserole, salad/side, or dessert)

CRISIS IN ISRAEL: RICHMOND'S RESPONSE - On Thursday, January 25, 2024, the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and Citizens & Clergy Against Racism (CCAR) will host an Interfaith perspective on the *Crisis In Israel: Richmond's Response* at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please use the QR code to sign up or contact the church office.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Join us for a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. An email with more information and the Zoom link is sent out every Tuesday. If you would like to join us, contact the church office for the details and to be put on the email list.

ILLNESS, SUFFERING, DEATH, AND MEANING – Join us for this course that will draw upon the Health Humanities to help us wrestle with those challenges. The course will be led Rev. Barry Penn Hollar. We meet at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall, concluding on Sunday, February 11. Please see the newsletter for more detailed information

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS - It's that time of year again, the 2024 weekly altar flower calendar is being set up. Cost: \$44/first Sunday and \$22 other Sundays. You may sign up in any of the following ways:

1. Select a date from the list placed by the bulletin board across from the kitchen.
2. Request a date using our online form. You will be contacted to confirm the date.
3. Call the church office and chose your date the "old fashioned way" in person.

Upcoming Events

January 22	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
January 23	Noon	AA
January 24	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
January 26	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	Noon	AA
January 28	9:00 am	Illness, Suffering, Death and Meaning
	10:30 am	Worship – In person and online