



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2024

Fourth 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

Old Rugged Cross
Todd Minnich, tenor

Choral Introit

Precious Lord

Welcome and Greeting

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.

Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Hymn No. 534*Be Still My Soul*

FINLANDIA

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Hymn No. 140*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Hymn No. 378*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Hymn No. 377*It is Well With My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Hymn No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM. LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Hymn No. 261

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.
 3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.
 4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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Hymn No. 314

In the Garden

GARDEN

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

- And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
 3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

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Hymn No. 57

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Benediction

Choral Response

Soon and Very Soon

Postlude

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sullivan

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+ Please stand, as able.

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of James Hill by Douglas Kleffner.

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

THE COTTON PATCH GOSPEL - Imagine Jesus born in the 1940's in Gainesville, Georgia, when Herod was Governor in Atlanta. The Good Samaritan is a Black truck driver, the Apostles are a bluegrass quartet, and John the Baptist is a hellfire and brimstone revival preacher.

That's the setting for Tom Key and Russell Trez' stage adaptation of radical preacher and New Testament scholar Clarence Jordan's *Cotton Patch Gospels*, with music by the late Harry Chapin (*Cats in the Cradle*). Starting February 18, and led by Rev. Brooke Willson, we will meet at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall for each of the seven Sundays of Lent. We'll view a portion of the stage production of the musical, and then talk about how it helps us hear the old, old story in new, new ways.

HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING TO BE MORE INVOLVED? Do your spiritual gifts include Helping, Comforting, Discerning, Pioneering and/or Problem Solving? *The Serving Team* is looking for members to join our efforts. If you would like to get involved, contact the church office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25th via Zoom. We will be working to discuss serving opportunities to make available March – May.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY –Join us on Zoom at 10:00am. 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.

Upcoming Events

February 12	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
February 13	Noon	AA
February 14	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
February 15	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	Noon	AA
February 18	9:00 am	<i>Cotton Patch Gospel</i>