

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024, Liturgical color, White or Gold, **Traditional**, 11:00 am
Native American Ministry Sunday
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response, The Book of Worship 173)*
Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **“Blessed Assurance”** 369

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, The Book of Worship 392)*
God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be made known to the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** **“Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”**

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, Psalm 30)*
I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths.
O Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.
Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.”O Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: “What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you?
Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; O Lord, be my help.” You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. AMEN.

ANTHEM “A Place to Belong” arr. Brian Buda

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns *(Adopted from the Book of Worship 395)*
God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.

Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife...*(You may voice your prayers)*. Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those we know in particular times of distress . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who are ill and the sick . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the gift of life...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who lost their loved ones . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*
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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, AMEN.

OFFERTORY “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” arr. Marty Parks
Offering
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison, The Book of Worship, 552)*
All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE
First Lesson Acts 3:12-19
Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 24:36-48

SERMON “We Are Children of God” Mary Feit

***CLOSING HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” **451**

***BENEDICTION**
HYMN “God Be With You till We Meet Again” 672

***POSTLUDE**
~~ The beautiful flowers on the piano are in memory of Beth Engels’ mom ~ Dorothy Eickmeier ~