

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
July 14, 2024; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Liturgical color; Green, **Traditional**; 11:00 am
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response, David Tripp, England, 20th cent.)*
O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into a covenant with you
Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being
And receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** “Blessed Assurance” **369**

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison; Crosswalks)*
Lord of all, as we gather to worship you, we ask for our hearts to be open to your presence. Fill this place with your Spirit and our souls with your peace. Let every song, prayer, and word spoken glorify you and draw us closer in communion with you and each other. In your holy name, we worship. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, The Book of Worship, 235)*
Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God
God promises to give us new life in Christ
He is the source and perfecter of our faith
We are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ
We come to renew our covenant with God
Today, we renew the covenant that binds us to God
Let us make this covenant of God our own
In Jesus Christ. AMEN.

PREPARATORY HYMN “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” **2088****

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

Offering
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison, The Book of Worship, 432)*
From the beginning, God entered into a covenant with the human family and through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ’s righteousness. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE Jane Nider
First Lesson 2 Samuel 6:12-19
Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-15

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 6:14-20

SERMON “Leaning on God’s Covenant”

***CLOSING HYMN** “Be Still, My Soul” **534**

***BENEDICTION**
HYMN “God Be with You till We Meet Again” **672** (no refrain)
POSTLUDE
~ ~ The beautiful flowers on the altar today are in honor of Vern Mulig’s July 08 birthday!