

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
July 7, 2024; Seventh 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; Psalm 46:1-2)*
God is our refuge and strength,
Therefore, we will not fear trouble though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” **569**

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison; (Psalm 46:7-11)*
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **AMEN.**

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, Psalm 48:8-14)*
As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord Almighty, in the city of our God:
God makes her secure forever
Within your temple, O God
We meditate on your unfailing love
Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth
Your right hand is filled with righteousness
Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments
Walk about Zion, go around her so that you may tell them to the next generation
For this God is our God for ever and ever
He will be our guide even to the end. AMEN.

PREPARATORY HYMN “Precious Name” **536**

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, Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A.; S.A., 20th cent., alt.)*
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 only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE Jane Nider
First Lesson 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 6:7-13

SERMON “The King of My Life”

COMMUNION 13

***CLOSING HYMN** “Christ For the World We Sing” **568**

***BENEDICTION**
HYMN “God Be with You till We Meet Again” **672** (no refrain)
POSTLUDE