

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
Second Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024  
Liturgical color, Purple, Traditional, 11:00 am  
*\*If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold** - Join in response, \*\*The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response, Psalm 63:1)*  
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.  
**O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you. AMEN.**

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” 127

\*OPENING PRAYER *(unison, The Book of Worship, 334)*  
**O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

\*THE PASSING OF PEACE

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

ANTHEM “No, No, No, Nothin” arr. Mark Hayes

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, Psalm 63:2-8)*  
My flesh faints for you, O Lord, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
**So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**  
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
**I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**  
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
**When I think of you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help.**  
And in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy.  
**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. AMEN.**

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 “Do This and Remember” arr. Brad Nix  
Offering  
\*DOXOLOGY *(Sung to the tune of 95)*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison, The Book Of Worship, 297)*  
**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE Diane Moore  
First Lesson Exodus 20:1-7  
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

\*GOSPEL READING John 2:13-22

SERMON “For the Sake of Thee; We Are on the Path of Salvation”

THE EUCHARIST 13 *(This is an open table, all are welcome to partake)*

\*CLOSING HYMN “Out of the Depths” 2136\*\*

POSTLUDE