

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024, Liturgical color, White or Gold, **Traditional**, 11:00 am
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response, Psalm 67:1)*
May God be gracious to us and bless us,
And make his face shine on us. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” **2158****

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, Psalm 67)*
May the peoples praise you, God; May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, 892)*
The saying is sure
And worthy of full acceptance
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous
And he is the expiation for our sins
And not for ours only
But also, for the sins of the whole world.
Thanks be to God. AMEN.

ANTHEM “When the Saints Go Marching In” arr. Lloyd Larson

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 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 “I Can Do All Things Through Christ” arr. Mark Hayes
Offering
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison, Book of worship Liturgy of evening prayer, Syria, 4th cent.)*
We praise and thank you, O God, for you are without beginning and without end. Through Christ, you created the whole world; through Christ, you preserve it. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and bodies. Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. AMEN.

SENIOR RECOGNITION
Addison Perrett, daughter of Jessica Perrett and Derek Harper
Alayna Happle, daughter of Neisha and Ryan Happle
Luke Hamilton, son of Erin and Andrew Hamilton
Maddox DeBoer, son of Kelly and Russ DeBoer

SCRIPTURE Connie Leech
First Lesson Psalm 98: 1-9
Second Lesson 1st John 5:1-6

***GOSPEL READING** John 15:9-17

SERMON “I Am with You; Sing A New Song”

THE EUCHARIST 13 *(This is an open table, everyone is invited to partake the elements)*

***CLOSING HYMN** “Shall We Gather at the River” **723**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**