

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
April 20, 2025; Easter Sunday, Liturgical Color; White **Traditional; 11:00 am**  
*\*If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold** - Join in response, \*\*The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

**INTROIT** *(in response, Psalm 148:1, 13)*  
Praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord from the heavens,**  
Praise the Lord in the heights! Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**Whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven. AMEN.**

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN** Christ Has Risen **\*\*2115**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, Book of Prayer., 20th Cent. )*  
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING** *(in response)*  
The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert. There the devil tempted him  
**"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."**  
Jesus answered, "It is written, 'People don't live on bread alone.  
**They also live on every word that comes from the mouth of God**  
"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down.  
**It is written, ‘The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you.**  
Jesus answered him, "It is also written, '  
**Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'**AMEN.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Where the Nails Were” Ruth Stephens, Kelly Meyer, Beth Engels

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison, John 6:35)*  
**O God, our bread, our milk, and our honey: O God, in the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us to your table. Feed us with your plenty, and enlarge our table for all the hungry, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE** Jan McGrury  
First Lesson Acts 10:34-43  
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 20:11-18

**SERMON** “I Have an Announcement to Make”

**THE EUCHARIST 13**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Up from the Grave He Arose **322**

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

POSTLUDE