

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: "Love God, Serve Others"

July 28, 2024; Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Liturgical color; Green, **Traditional**; 11:00 am  
*\*If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold** - Join in response, \*\*The Faith We Sing*

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**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** *(in response)*

Let our worship be an expression of our faith, a living testimony of our devotion,  
**And a concrete evidence of our love. AMEN.**

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" 77

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*

**Healing God, whose touch we have sought and known and whose compassion has surrounded us like a good shepherd's care for wandering sheep, show us once more the dimensions of wholeness that can restore us to faithful living and fruitful service. May we become reconcilers within and beyond the church. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING** *(in response)*

Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as beloved people  
**We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do**

Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another

**We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children**

We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust

**You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. AMEN.**

**PREPARATORY HYMN** "I Want to Walk" 206

**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

Nickels for Nigeria Collection

**Offering**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

**Receive these gifts, O God: our hopes and our fears, our dollars and our dreams, our loves and our lives, and make of them what you will. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE** Jan McGrury

First Lesson 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 17:15-21

**SERMON** "In the World, But Not of the World"

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Where He Leads Me" 338

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**