

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
February 16, 2025; Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, 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; Psalm 2:1)*  
Serve the Lord with fear; be humble before the Lord.  
**I know that my Redeemer lives. AMEN.**

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    There Is a Song in the Air                **249**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*  
**O God of mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways. 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, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING** *(in response, Psalm 13:1-5)*  
Be still, my soul:  
**The Lord is on thy side.**

How long, O Lord will you forget me forever?  
**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me,  
**O Lord my God; lighten my eyes,**  
Lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him”; lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.  
**But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me. AMEN.**

**ANTHEM**    “Forever Leaning on the Arms of Jesus”    arr. Stan Pethel

**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**    “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”    arr. Marty Parks  
**Offering**  
**\*DOXOLOGY**    Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*  
**We give you thanks for the presence of Christ in our midst, drawing all suffering into your heart, and changing our brokenness to blessing. Receive the gifts we return to you now, and make our lives your work of compassion now and forever. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE**    Blake Butler  
First Lesson                      Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Second Lesson                  1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**GOSPEL LESSON**                Luke 6:17-26

**SERMON**    “Reliable Source”

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    Hymn of Promise                **707**

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

**POSTLUDE**