

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

January 19, 2025; Second 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)*

Come and hear all you who fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.

**He brought me up out of a horrible pit and set my feet upon a rock. AMEN.**

## GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN** This Is My Song **437**

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

**Our God, in the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, our ministry into the manifestation of your love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

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

O, give thanks to the Lord, who is good

**Whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the land

**From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell

**Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them**

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress

**And led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell. AMEN.**

**ANTHEM** I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Dan Boone

**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** My Soul Finds Rest in God arr. Jay Rouse

**Offering**

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

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

**Eternal God, in whose appointment our life stands, we commit our care to you. Be merciful to us O Lord, for we are in distress. Fill us with compassion for others' troubles, with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness and with hope for eternity. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE** Jan McGrury

First Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12

**SERMON** "Looking for Jesus"

**CLOSING HYMN** It Is Well with My Soul **377**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**