

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 2023

Liturgical color, Green, symbolizes growth, the season after Pentecost, Traditional, 11:00 am
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response, Psalm 106:48)*

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** "God Will Take Care of You" **130** (requested by Wesley Nider)

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

O Lord, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances and accept them as your will for my life.
AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

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

ANTHEM "Wonderful Merciful Savior" arr. Marty Parks

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, Johnson Oatman)*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,

Count your blessings,

When you are discouraged,

Name your blessings one by one.

And thinking all is lost,

It will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Count your blessings,

See what God has done. AMEN.

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 . Terry Terhune, Merna Greer, Bob McClelland, and Mark Decker. . . 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 "Lord, You've Searched Me and You Know Me" arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY** *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN.

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

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN Larry Bergmeier

SCRIPTURE Jan Price

First Lesson Jeremiah 33:9-12

Second Lesson Colossians 3:14-17

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 17:11-19

SERMON "Just to Say Thanks"

COMMUNION **13**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Count Your Blessings" (See inserts)

***POSTLUDE**