



CENTENARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE GRACE OF

CHRIST

LENTEN JOURNEY

"REBOOT"
GALATIANS 6:2-10

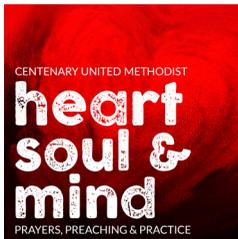
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
11:00 AM LIVE STREAM

WELCOME!

Welcome to Centenary United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program and ministry life here at Centenary. We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

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OUR MISSION

"The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

PREACHING

The Reverend Dr. P. Glenn Kinken III

LITURGISTS

The Reverend Kate May

The Reverend Marilyn L. Weiler, *Pastor of Pine Grove UMC*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Jonathan Emmons

CANTORS

Martha Bassett, *mezzo-soprano*

Jacob Patrick, *tenor*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

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LET US WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent • 11:00 am • March 29, 2020

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE He Hideth My Soul - arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING

INTROIT

A Simple Song (from *Mass*) - Leonard Bernstein
Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude. Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live all of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him and walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 121 (UNISON)

**I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.**

HYMN

#92 For the Beauty of the Earth - DIX
**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love
which from our birth over and around us lies;**

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale,
and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the
mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on
earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

**For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering
upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)**

**For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that
great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister will offer an introductory prayer and then invite you to join in the following litany of intercession, during which you are encouraged to offer a brief prayer of intercession or petition. After each prayer, the leader may conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond:

Hear our prayer.

Together, let us pray

for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...

in communion with the saints....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CANTICLE

How Can I Keep from Singing - Robert Wadsworth Lowry
My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing? Although the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. But though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging; since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging; when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

**SCRIPTURE
GALATIANS 6:2-10**

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (NIV)

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

REBOOT

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING**

We praise and thank you, O God, for you are without beginning and without end. Through Christ, you created the whole world; through Christ, you preserve it. You made the day for works of light and the night for renewal of our minds and bodies. You have given us great blessings and though the mountains make shake and the seas may roar in our lives, you have set our feet upon the immovable rock of your grace and love. For this we give you thanks and praise. As we count our blessings today and return thanks to you, we pray for the ministries of our church and those that they will reach this week. May our offerings remind the world that you are our help in time of need. All this we ask in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WE GO AS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

#707 Hymn of Promise - *PROMISE*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

In Memoriam

Ian Shober Stokes

March 10, 2020

Becky Linthicum

March 13, 2020

The ministers and members of Centenary Church extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and pray they may know the comfort and peace of our Heavenly Father.

FOR THE RECORD

Week of March 22-28

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Live Stream 956
Roots Revival 110

Total 1066

Virtual Sunday School 397
(Includes Adult Formation & Youth IGTV)

Contributions

Offering \$71,629
Special Gifts 1,844
Centenary Fund 375
Capital Campaign 3,083

Total \$76,931