

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT



CENTENARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



"FAITH FOR THE GENERATIONS"
1 PETER 1:3-9

SUNDAY • APRIL 19, 2020
11:00AM 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 Bret Cogan
Tamara M. Pollock

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Jonathan Emmons

CANTORS

Martha Bassett, *mezzo-soprano*
Jacob Patrick, *tenor*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Ratcliff, Sr. and James Ratcliff, Sr. by the Ratcliff family; and also in loving memory of Jean Stockton by her husband, Bishop Tom Stockton & her family.

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LET US WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter • 11:00 am • April 19, 2020

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

VOLUNTARY Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals — *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

GREETING

INTROIT

Morning Has Broken — arr. Shawn Kirchner

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for them singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the Word. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:5-11
(In Unison)

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

My body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

HYMN

#304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices — *REGENT SQUARE*

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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

*After each prayer, the leader may conclude: Lord, in your mercy.
All may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow — Civilla D. Martin

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies. I draw thee closer to Him, from care He sets me free. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
(NIV)

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

SERMON

"Faith for the Generations"

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated — Mark Hayes

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God of Light and Hope: we bring our offering to you this morning, still riding the joy of our Easter celebration of your triumph over the grave! Scripture has reminded us that we have been given the pathway for new birth, the promise of an imperishable heavenly inheritance, and the power of God's protection. Silent in the realization of these priceless gifts, we offer ourselves to make this good news known to those who have not yet heard the good news. With praise and thanksgiving, we dedicate these gifts. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Discipleship Resources)

WE GO AS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

#369 Blessed Assurance — ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION (In Unison)

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.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major, BWV 568 — Johann Sebastian Bach

Sympathy is extended to Rev. Bret Cogan in the death of his mother, Bernice Arnold, on April 9, 2020.

FOR THE RECORD

April 6-12, 2020

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Live Stream	1908
Roots Revival	272
Holy Thursday Love Feast	435
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	693

Total 3308

Contributions

Offering	\$46,583
Special Gifts	425
Centenary Fund	625
Capital Campaign	1,000

Total \$48,633

Virtual Sunday School 249
(Includes Adult Formation & Youth IGTV)