

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT



CENTENARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



"A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION"
1 PETER 2:2-10

SUNDAY • MAY 10, 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

LITURGIST

The Reverend Jeremy Pegram

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Jonathan Emmons

CANTORS

Martha Bassett, *mezzo-soprano*

Jacob Patrick, *tenor*

Jason McKinney, *baritone*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Sommerkamp, Mr. Clifford W. Perry, Mr. Frank Perry, Mrs. Elizabeth Fetter Perry, Miss Dorothy Perry, Mr. Troy Sager, Mr. Claude Booker and Pauline Davis "Pinkie" Perry by the family.

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LET US WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter • 11:00 am • May 10, 2020

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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GREETING

INTROIT

Zion's Walls — Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We'll shout and go 'round the walls of Zion.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 57:14-15
(In Unison)*

It shall be said,

**"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."**

**For thus says the high and lofty one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.**

HYMN

(found on page six)

#731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken — AUSTRIA

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

Great Day — arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'. Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall. Chariot moved on the mountain top. My Lord spoke and the chariot stopped. When I was a mourner just like you, I prayed and prayed till I came through. This is the year of Jubilee when my Lord set his people free.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NIV)

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

SERMON

"A Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation"

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Marchin' on Up! — arr. Mark Hayes

Marchin' on up, marchin' to the city of God. Why don't you come along? Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching on upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets, before we reach the heav'nly fields or walk the golden streets. Children, we must let our songs abound 'til ev'ry tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high. Marchin' on up, marchin' on to Zion, I'm gonna walk on streets of gold; Marchin' on up, O, yes, I'm goin' marchin' up to the city, I'm marchin' on up!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace and glory, in the gift of the risen Christ, you long for us to be one in him, unafraid and bold to make your love known, not just in our words, but also in our living. As we bring our gifts to your altar to be dedicated, we bring our lives as well to be dedicated for a ministry that brings unity to the body and compassion and justice to all your children. Give us patience to listen where there is division and vision to see the things that unite us. We pray this in love and in the name of Jesus, who came that we might be as one. Amen.

(Discipleship Resources)

WE GO AS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

(found on page eight)

#384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – HYFRYDOL

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.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord – *BECHLER*

There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays, and sing in perfect harmony to God our Saviour's praise; He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God. For us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord, Amen!

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SERMON NOTES

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731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y
 2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-
 3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering, see the cloud and
 4. Blest in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on, washed in our Re-



of our God; God, whose word can-not be bro-ken,
 ter-nal love, well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters,
 fire ap-pear for a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
 deem-er's blood; Je-sus, whom our souls re-ly on,



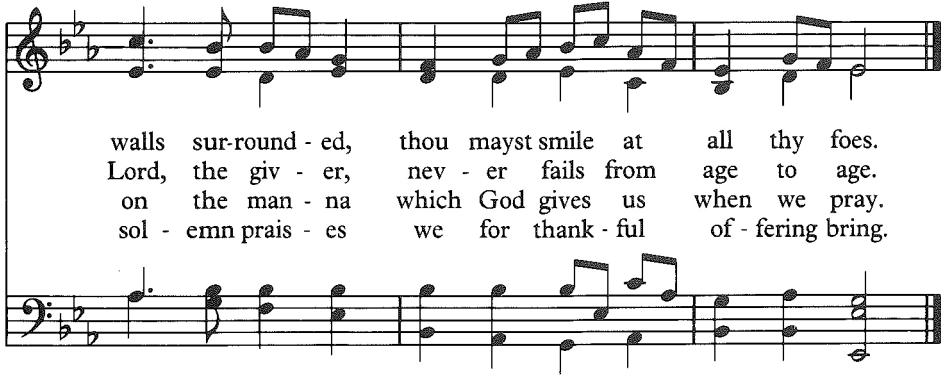
formed thee for his own a-bode. On the Rock of A-ges
 and all fear of want re-move. Who can faint while such a
 show-ing that the Lord is near! Thus de-riv-ing from our
 makes us mon-archs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he



found-ed, what can shake thy sure re-pose? With sal-va-tion's
 riv-er ev-er will their thirst as-suage? Grace which like the
 ban-ner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up-
 rais-es, rul-ers o-ver self to reign, and as priests his



THE COMPLETION OF CREATION (THE CITY OF GOD)



walls sur-round - ed, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na which God gives us when we pray.
sol - emn prais - es we for thank - ful of - fering bring.

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

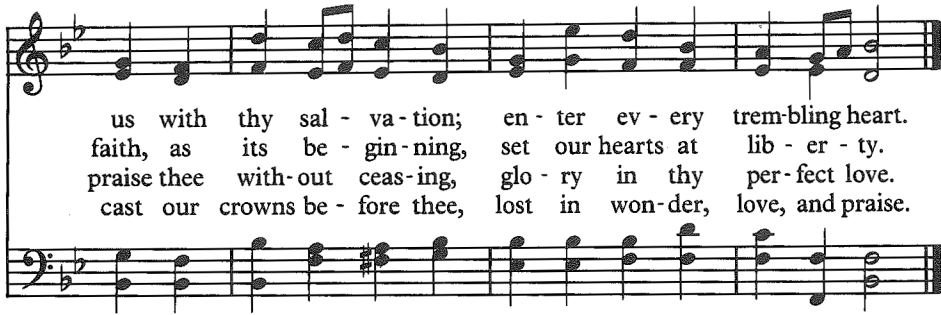
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Sympathy is extended to Betty Fultz in the death of her brother, Nelson Berkeley Smith, on April 27, 2020.

FOR THE RECORD

April 27-May 3, 2020

Worship Attendance		Contributions	
11:00 am Live Stream	981	Offering	\$63,402
Roots Revival	160	Special Gifts	1,155
		Centenary Fund	205
Total	1,141	Capital Campaign	1,646
		Total	\$66,408
Virtual Sunday School	235		
(Includes Adult Formation & Youth IGTV)			