

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT



CENTENARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



"BY HIS WOUNDS..."
1 PETER 2:19-25

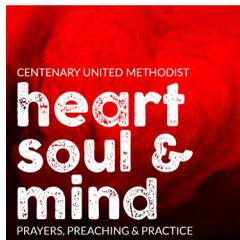
SUNDAY • MAY 3, 2020
11:00AM LIVE STREAM

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

Tamara M. Pollock
The Reverend Bret Cogan

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 Ted Keith and T.R. Keith by their family,
Mary Jane Keith, Melissa Keith Lewis and Stacy Keith Ritch.

LET US WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter • 11:00 am • May 3, 2020

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

VOLUNTARY There Is a Balm in Gilead — *arr. Mark Hayes*

GREETING

INTROIT Wash Me Thoroughly — *George Frideric Handel*
Psalm 51:2 *Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
Psalm 80:14-19 **have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.**
(In Unison) **They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

HYMN #315 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain — *ST. KEVIN*
**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath
brought forth Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharaoh's
bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened
foot through the Red Sea waters.**

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from
three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our
sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and
praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with
the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad
Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the
watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal; but today amidst the
twelve thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal, who, triumphant, burst
the bars of the tomb's dark portal; "Alleluia!" with the Son, God the
Father praising, "Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.

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

Lord of the Small – *arr. Dan Forrest*

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him, all ye who live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise; He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
(NIV)

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

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul — John Ness Beck, transcribed Craig Courtney
When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
soul." My sin - O the joy of this glorious thought - my sin, not in part, but the
whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the
clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall
descend, "Even so" - it is well with my soul!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Consoling and Guiding God, we bring our offerings and our very lives to your altar this morning. Many of us come feeling like we are in the midst of a storm, with disagreement and discord buffeting us from all directions. Help us to hear your voice in the midst of this, your call to serve, and your encouragement to endure for the work of the kingdom. Lead us to the light and hope of this Easter season, so we can joyfully and faithfully serve you in the world! In the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.
(Discipleship Resources)

WE GO AS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

#534 Be Still, My Soul — FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

Allegro energico (from Trois Postludes) — Denis Bedard

In Memoriam

Bernice Hughston Clayton

April 20, 2020

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

Sympathy is extended to Carolyn Creech and Bill Baldrige in the death of her grandson and his nephew, William Alexander Creech on April 21, 2020.

FOR THE RECORD

April 20-26, 2020

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Live Stream	1,096
Roots Revival	138
Total	1,234

Contributions

Offering	\$51,990
Special Gifts	2,513
Centenary Fund	200
Capital Campaign	20,613
Total	\$75,316

Virtual Sunday School 233
(Includes Adult Formation & Youth IGTV)