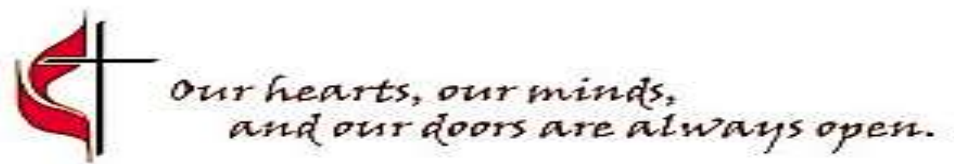


Centenary United Methodist Church



**October 18, 2020**      **Worship Theme: Jesus Loves Children**      **10:15AM**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome to worship with Centenary United Methodist Church!**  
**Today we gather as an online community to worship together.**  
**Please light a candle to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal — TFSW = The Faith We Sing Songbook  
W&S = Worship and Song Book

**Welcome**      **Pastor Sooah**

**Call to Worship**      **by Rev. Sherrie Dobbs Johnson**

L: This is the day we gather to celebrate the sacredness of children.  
**P: We come thanking God for children and longing to keep our young brothers and sisters safe.**  
L: This is the day we rejoice together as God's children. Some of us are young. Some of us are older.  
But we all are children of a mighty God.  
**P: Together we will learn from one another. Together we will praise God!**

**Opening Prayer**      **from Children's Sabbath Prayer by Rev. Sherrie Dobbs Johnson**

We love to spend time with you, Jesus. You want to know what we are thinking and how we feel. We know we can tell you anything about ourselves and you will still love us, even when we do things that make you unhappy with us. This day, Jesus, we pray that you will make us strong enough and our hearts big enough to look out for all your children. Let us praise you for watching over us! **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      **UMH #400**  
Sonia Kanchi, violin

**Let the Children Come**      **Nicole Tierno**

**Scripture Lessons**      *Matthew 18:1-5, 19:13-15*

**Sermon**      *"Jesus and Children"*      **Guest Preacher Bob Carlson**

**Invitation to Offering**  
Friends, on behalf of Centenary, we thank you for your generosity. This morning we have two ways to financially support and sustain our ministries. You can mail a check to Centenary UMC, 200 Hillside Ave, Metuchen 08840. You can also give online. Download Tithely app and just search "Centenary United Methodist Church in Metuchen." With generosity, let us bring our gifts and offer Christ our very lives, that God might work miracles of hope through our giving and our living.

**Offering Music**      *Abide with Me*      **UMH #700**  
Joanne Dia, trombone

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer**      **by Roberta J. Egli**  
God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways. Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now. In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      *This Little Light of Mine*      **UMH #585**

**Benediction**  
Go now and live such a life, that if everyone were such as you, and every life a life like yours, this earth would be God's paradise. **Amen.**

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED		NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS	
THE STAFF			
Ministers.....	The Congregation	Pastor.....	Sooah Na
Dir. of Music Ministry.....	Donavon Soumas	Sunday School Coord.....	Nicole Tierno
Worship Assistants.....	Jessica Ramac,	Custodian.....	Olga Alvarado
.....	Sarah Kanchi, Sonia Kanchi,		
.....	Joanne Dia, Devin Tierno		
Ushers.....	TBD	Administrative Asst.....	Mary Wu
Refreshments.....	TBD	Early Learning Ctr.....	Melinda Wilson

This morning's flowers are given by *Ruth Lechelt in honor of Halle's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*

**Remember in your prayers:**  
*Monika Van Houten will be having a total hip replacement on 10/21/2020. She will be recuperating at home. Expressions of Get Well may be sent to her at: 17 Sims Road, Edison, NJ 08817*

**Mission Statement**  
"Centenary United Methodist Church is a community of people growing in faith, love and hope, doing all the good we can, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ."



*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Arms*



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