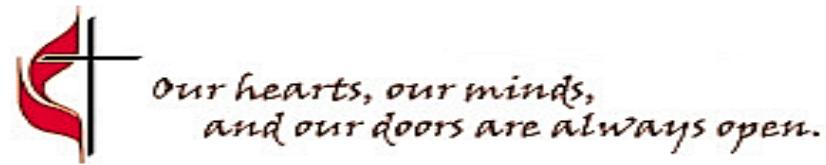


Centenary United Methodist Church



July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

Welcome to worship with Centenary United Methodist Church!

Today we gather as an in-person & online community to worship together.

\*All who feel comfortable standing are invited to do so.

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal — TFWS = The Faith We Sing Songbook

W&S = Worship and Song Book

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Say thank you to the Lord for being so good,

**P: for always being so loving and kind.**

L: Has the Lord redeemed you?

**P: Then speak out! Tell others of the loving kindness of the Lord.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

TFWS 2042

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear our prayer. Mend our hearts that are hurting. We have ignored your call on us to be loving and kind. We have indulged our own desires and looked away from the needs of our neighbors. We have failed to listen and respond to cries of our world in favor of our own comfort. Open our hearts Lord to respond to the call of your children. We know that nothing is impossible with you. Heal us and strengthen us so that we may love others the way you love us. Amen.

**Song of Praise**

*Bind Us Together*

TFWS 2226

**Let the Children Come**

Nicole Tierno

**Prayer (Our Joys and Concerns)**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**New Testament Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-11*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Jesus Calls Us*

UMH 398

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:13-21*

**Sermon**

*"Loving Kindness"*

Alice R. Bennett

**\*Response to the Word**

*Affirmation from 1 Timothy*

**Offering Invitation**

*Barrel Offering will be designated to Centenary's VBS during July*

**\*Offertory Hymn**

*In His Time*

Jonathan Benjamin  
TFWS 2203

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of all creation, we humbly offer these our tithes and offerings to your glory. May you bless these to your service. We ask your blessing on each of us as we use the gifts you have most graciously given us, so that our time and talents will always bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

UMH 664

**Postlude**

Jonathan Benjamin

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

**THE STAFF**

Ministers.....The Congregation

Pastor.....Sooah Na

Guest Pianist.....Jonathan Benjamin

Sunday School Coord.....Nicole Tierno

Worship Assistant.....

Custodian.....Olga Alvarado

Usher.....TBD

Administrative Asst.....Mary Wu

Drums.....Carla Giordano/Devin Tierno

AV Team.....Asher Irfan, Sonia Kanchi,

Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson

...Paul Manjourides, Ed Stern, John Wooding

**Remember in your prayers: Sylvia Woodfield; Family of Frank Pike (cousin of Ellen Clarke);**

Poonam Chauhan (sister-in-law of Mala Roberts); Kristi Akins; Cathy Savoia; Miriam Dingle; Linda Serentino; Anne Beattie; Rosie Ciccone (sister-in-law of Beverly Bell); Erik Flood (friend of the Dingle Family); Arthur Manjourides (father of Paul Manjourides); Monika Korte; Nancy Buday (friend of Ellen Clarke); Patricia Thompson; Linda Stonage (sister of Bruce Clarke); Terri Sgambati (aunt of Nicole Tierno); Lori Loza; Reshma Rahi; Debra Martin (daughter of Mary Ellen Heim); Fran Koppell (friend of Bruce & Ellen Clarke); Roger Mullenhard (brother-in-law of Linda Serentino); Stephanie Ringler; Melanie Spanko (daughter of Janet Spanko); Lee Lehman; Lester Heim, Jr.; Howie Reenberg (friend of Tom Moyer); Laura Vasile (daughter of Rita Vasile); Portia Lashley; Mary Ellen Heim; John Wooding; Samantha (neighbor of Nicole Tierno); Monika Van Houten; People of Uvalde and Ukraine.

**\*Bold indicates new to the prayers list.**



*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Arms*

**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.”



Centenary United Methodist Church  
200 Hillside Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

732-548-7622  
[centenaryumcnj@aol.com](mailto:centenaryumcnj@aol.com)  
[centenaryumchurchnj.org](http://centenaryumchurchnj.org)

Follow us on Facebook

## Hymn Lyrics

<p><i>How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely (TFWS 2042)</i> Words: Arlo Dubu Music: Hal H. Hopson</p> <p>1. How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.</p> <p>2. In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you should stray. I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.</p> <p>3. A sun and shield forever are you, O God most high; you shower us with blessings no good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall reivers of blessings overflow.</p>	<p><i>Bind Us Together (TFWS 2226)</i> Words and Music: Bob Gillman</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.</p> <p><i>Verse</i> There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.</p>
--	---

## Hymn Lyrics

<p><i>Jesus Calls Us (UMH 398)</i> Words: CF Alexander Music: William H Jude</p> <p>1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"</p> <p>2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.</p> <p>3. Jesus call us from the worship of the vain world's golden store. from each idol that would keep up, saying, "Christian, love me more!"</p> <p>4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"</p> <p>5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.</p>	<p><i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing (UMH 664)</i> Words: Omer Westendorf Music: Welsh Folk Tune</p> <p>1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.</p> <p>2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.</p>
---	---