

Centenary United Methodist Church



*Our hearts, our minds,  
and our doors are always open.*

November 19, 2023      Thanksgiving & Stewardship Sunday      25th Sunday after Pentecost      10:15 AM

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

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

L: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

P: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

L: Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

P: Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's people.

L: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

P: Enable us to be faithful and strong for you. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

UMH 64

Opening Prayer (Unison)

by Nancy C. Townley  
Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given.

We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy

Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in

Jesus' Name. Amen.

\*Song of Praise

*Blessed Be Your Name*

W&S 3002

Let the Children Come

\*Passing of the Peace

Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

*Mark 4:26-33*

Centering Music

*Lord, Be Glorified*

TFWS 2150

Sermon

*"Planting Seeds for the Future"*

Rev. Sooah Na &  
Linda Woodfield-Stern

James Mojomick

Testimony

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Invitation

*The Blessing*

*November's barrel offering is designated to the  
Metuchen Fire Department & First Aid Squad*

Centenary Choir

Offertory Music

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.*

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and loving God, receive these gifts. May they reveal your grace at work in all creation, as we commit to nurturing the future and new generations. Bless these gifts and those who give them, that all may become blessings to your world and signs of your glory. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH 694

\*Benediction

Postlude

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

**THE STAFF**

Ministers.....The Congregation

Pastor.....Sooah Na

Dir. of Music Ministry.....Brian Calabro

Family Ministry Coord...Grace Manjourides

Worship Assistant.....Bob Dingle

Custodian.....Olga Alvarado

Drums.....Devin Tierno

Administrative Asst.....Mary Wu

AV Team.....Paul Manjourides, Ed Stern

Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson

**Remember in your prayers:** Michael Gabriel (friend of Ruth Lechelt); Jessica Elil (daughter of Stella, co-worker of Peggy Martino); Kenny Fischer (cousin of Charles Giordano); Young Oh (father of Se Oh); John Ringler; Linda Serentino; John Lashley; family of Celeste Ramsey (mother-in-law of Isabel Pichardo); family of Ed (friend of the Mojomicks); families of Sylvia Woodfield; family of Heather Vail (friend of Ruth Lechelt); Noah (family of the Dingles); Amelia (student at Edgar MS-Metuchen); Mary Ellen Heim; family of Sandy Baks; family of Rev. Dr. Hoo Sug Lee; family of Anne Beattie; parents of Lester Gesteland; mother of Asher Irfan; family of Mary Kari (aunt of Shirley Kanchi); family of Rowena Principe (sister of Odessa Delos Santos); family of Rev. Gary Frieze; family of Samantha Nu Nguyen Hogan (friend of the Tiernos); Shirley & Steve Mosteller; family of Lewis Hause; Monika Van Houten; Carolee Szajko; Patricia Thompson; family of Matthew Ferry (former teacher of Lily Tierno); Pvt. Brian Reppert (serving overseas and family friend of Ruth Lechelt); Miriam Dingle; Poonam Chauhan (sister-in-law of Mala Roberts); Arthur Manjourides (father of Paul Manjourides); Terri Sgambati (aunt of Nicole Tierno); Lori Loza; Debra Martin (daughter of Mary Ellen Heim); Lee Lehman; Lester Heim, Jr.; Laura Vasile (daughter of Rita Vasile); Portia Lashley.

Vika N. Chala wanted to share her prayer requests:

1. Friend Ariana and her father Peter who have been in the hospital for weeks;
2. People and animals affected by the smoke we are experiencing from the wildfires;
3. People and animals that got flooded because a nearby dam was bombed in Ukraine.

*What are your takeaway from today's sermon?*



#### ***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."*



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