

GNJ Worship Series: Courageous

Worship Theme: Courage to be Vulnerable

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:15AM

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 — TFWS = The Faith We Sing Songbook

W&S = Worship and Song Book

Welcome

Pastor Sooah

Call to Worship

L: God has called us to gather together as beloved children.

P: We come ready to share our authentic selves, our hearts, with God and one another.

L: Wherever we are in our faith journey, God meets us right where we are, calling us out from isolation and fear into sacred community.

P: We come to humbly praise and worship the One who chose vulnerability for the sake of perfect love.

Opening Prayer

Glorious God, Jesus became vulnerable to the human experience; he came to be with us, brought healing to our relationship with God, and set us on a path to become our full selves. He came to be for others and with others. Lead us to take the same risk of growing together. Help us develop our vulnerability and courage, that we may help others feel safe and be vulnerable in community, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH #348

Let the Children Come

Offering Invitation

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon

“Courage to be Vulnerable”

Rev. Sooah Na

Offertory Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

TFWS #2088

Doxology

Offering Prayer

God of perfect love, we ask that you receive these gifts of tithes and offering as a sign of our knees bending before you, of our tongues confessing that you are God. Pour out your blessings upon these gifts that they might serve others in humble love that glorifies your holy name. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Sanctuary

TFWS #2164

Benediction

by Nancy C. Townley

We do not know what the future will hold for us, but we are assured that whatever happens, God is with us! Therefore, be courageous, dear people of God. Follow Jesus boldly to the cross and beyond. Go to offer God's love and peace to all. **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 Assistant.....Nancy Rapp

Custodian.....Olga Alvarado

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Ushers.....TBD

Administrative Asst.....Mary Wu

Refreshments.....TBD

Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson

Remember in your prayers:

Ruth Lechelt's family; Samantha (neighbor of Nicole Tierno); Austin Banks' family; Monika Van Houten; Karen & Clyde Soumas (family of Donavon Soumas); Evelyn Thomas' family (friend of Donavon Soumas)

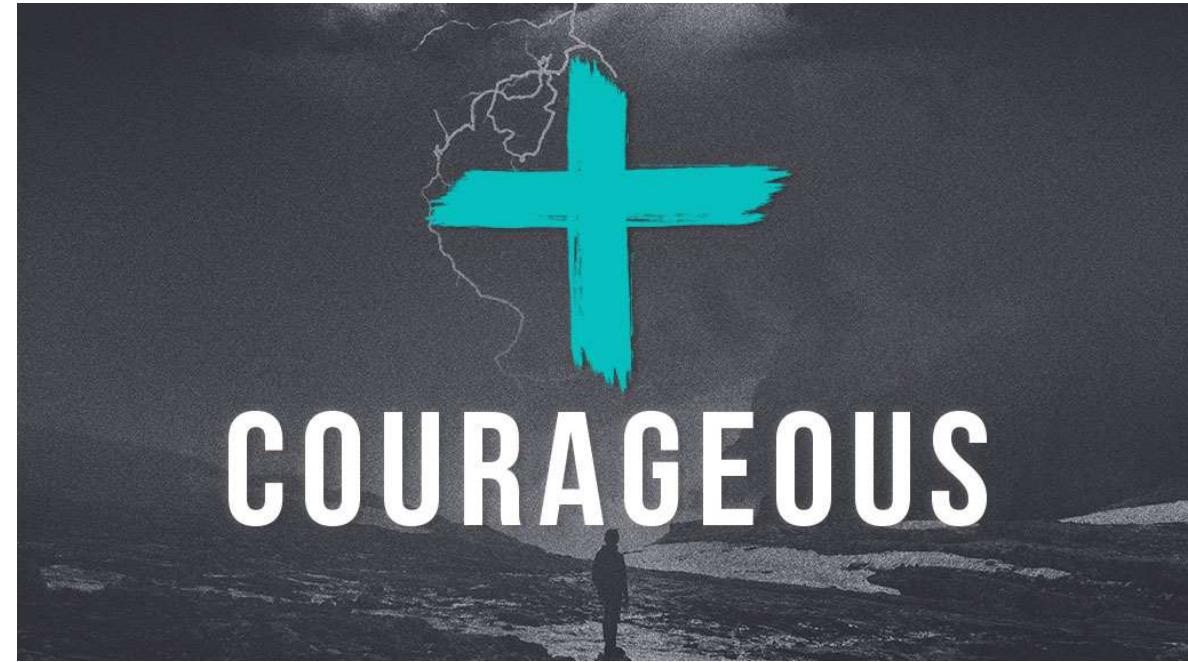
It is with sadness that we would like to inform you that Russell Smith (Jack Lechelt's father-in-law) entered Eternal Life on December 30, 2020. Cards of love and condolence can be sent in care of the Lechelt family to Jack & Melissa Lechelt, 21058 Courtland Village Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175.

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.”



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