

Centenary United Methodist Church

September 19, 2021 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 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.

\*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

\*Opening Hymn Come, Thou of Every Blessing UMH 400

\*Call to Worship by Rebecca Gaudino

L: Who is wise and understanding among us?

P: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God’s law.

L: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

P: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

\*Opening Prayer by Mary Scifres

Loving God, humble our hearts and quiet our minds, that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we say and do. Plant your wisdom in our lives, that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time. With humble hearts, we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise Just a Closer Walk with Thee TFWS 2158

Let the Children Come Nicole Tierno

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Scripture Lesson James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sermon “Live What You Believe 3: Sowing Seeds of Peace” Rev. Sooah Na

Prayer in Song How Shall I Come Before the Lord W&S 3124

Offering Invitation

\*Offertory Hymn Lead Me, Guide Me TFWS 2214

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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God of love and service, we thank you for loving and serving us through the grace of your Son, Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts, that others may be loved and served in our giving. Bless our lives, that we may love and serve one another as you have loved and served us. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Celebration of Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

\*Closing Hymn Let There be Peace on Earth UMH 431

\*Benediction by Mary Scifres

Pastor: We go now to serve . . .

All: welcoming every child we meet,

Pastor: loving every person we encounter,

All: serving by all the means we can,

Pastor: in all the places we can,

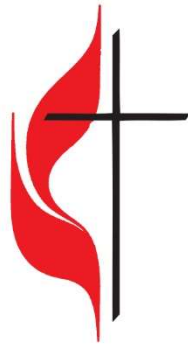
All: for however long we can.

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.....Scott Woodfield	Custodian.....Olga Alvarado
Usher.....Arlene Gray	Administrative Asst..... Mary Wu
Refreshments.....TBD	Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson

Remember in your prayers:

Donavon Soumas’ family in Louisiana (effects of Hurricane Ida); Sam & Donna Ortiz (uncle/aunt of Nicole Tierno); Debra Martin (daughter of Mary Ellen Heim); Fran Koppell (friend of Bruce & Ellen Clarke); Roger Mullenhard (Linda Serentino’s brother-in-law); Stephanie Ringler; Melanie Spanko (daughter of member Janet Spanko); Lee Lehman (former member of CUMC); Clyde Soumas (brother of Donavon Soumas); Christine Shaver (friend of Nicole Tierno); Lester Heim, Jr.; Carla Giordano; Juliana Martino; Howie Reenberg (friend of Tom Moyer); Rev. Carl H. Kearns; Richard Lake; Walter Spanko (family of Nancy Rapp); Laura Vasile (Rita Vasile’s daughter); the Martino family; Dorothy Horner; Sylvia Woodfield; Portia Lashley; Mary Ellen Heim; Rohan Punith; John Wooding; Samantha (neighbor of Nicole Tierno); Austin Banks’ family; Monika Van Houten; Karen Soumas (sister of Donavon Soumas); Evelyn Thomas’ family (friend of Donavon Soumas).



*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.”



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2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.	<b>Refrain:</b> Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.	2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]
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various ways – setting up tables, tents, etc. at 8 a.m. We will also need your help in greeting customers and hopefully selling a lot of our items. We will also need help taking down the tables and tents at 3 p.m. There will be a poster in the narthex for the next 2 Sundays so you can sign up to help. This is the only fund-raiser that the women have so we would appreciate your help for an hour or more on Saturday, October 2nd. If you have any questions please call Sylvia Woodfield 732-549- 9042.

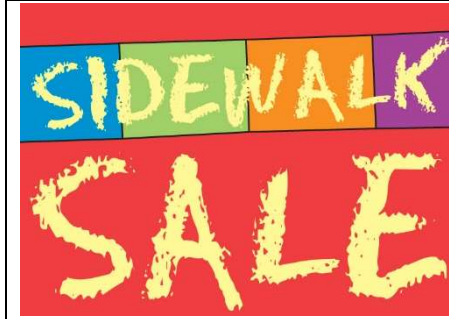


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stored in the refrigerator overnight and delivered to New Dover the next morning. If you would like to participate, sign up at the display table in the church lobby on Sunday morning or contact Bob Carlson (phone: 732-549-6296; email: [rjcarls75@gmail.com](mailto:rjcarls75@gmail.com)).



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