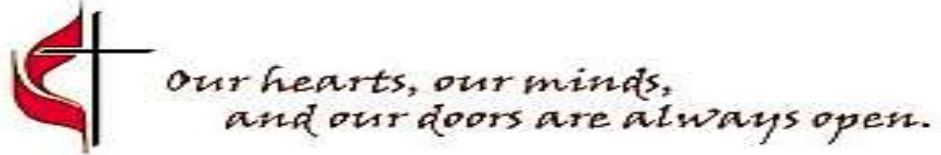


Centenary United Methodist Church



May 2, 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 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** **by B. J. Beu**

L: Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.  
**P: We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.**  
 L: Come to love one another, for love is of God.  
**P: We have come to the household of love, for God is love.**  
 L: Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.  
**P: We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.**  
 L: Come! All are welcome here.

**Opening Prayer** **by B. J. Beu**

Divine Vinegrower, the soil of your love nurtures the roots of our lives each and every day. As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care, plant us in the soil of your love, that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, and bear the fruit of your love and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt and nourish our growth, that our harvest of love may bless the world. In your bountiful name, we pray.  
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *The Lord of life, a Vine is He* **W&S #3155**

**Let the Children Come** **Grace Manjourides**

**Scripture Lesson** *John 15:1-8*

**Sermon** *"I am the True Vine"* **Rev. Sooah Na**

**Announcements**

**Offering Invitation** **by Joanne Carlson Brown**

**Offertory Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* **UMH #707**

**Doxology** **UMH #64**

**Offering Prayer** **by B. J. Beu**

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these gifts be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means of spreading your blessings. Make these gifts be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance.  
**Amen.**

**Holy Communion**  
 Please prepare a piece of bread or cracker and juice or water so that you can share this holy meal.

**Communion Hymn** *Let Us Be Bread* **TFWS #2260**

**Benediction** **by B. J. Beu**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. Let us abide in Christ's love, for he is the vine and we are the branches. Let us care for one another, for the Spirit helps us abide in God's peace. **Amen.**

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**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED      NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

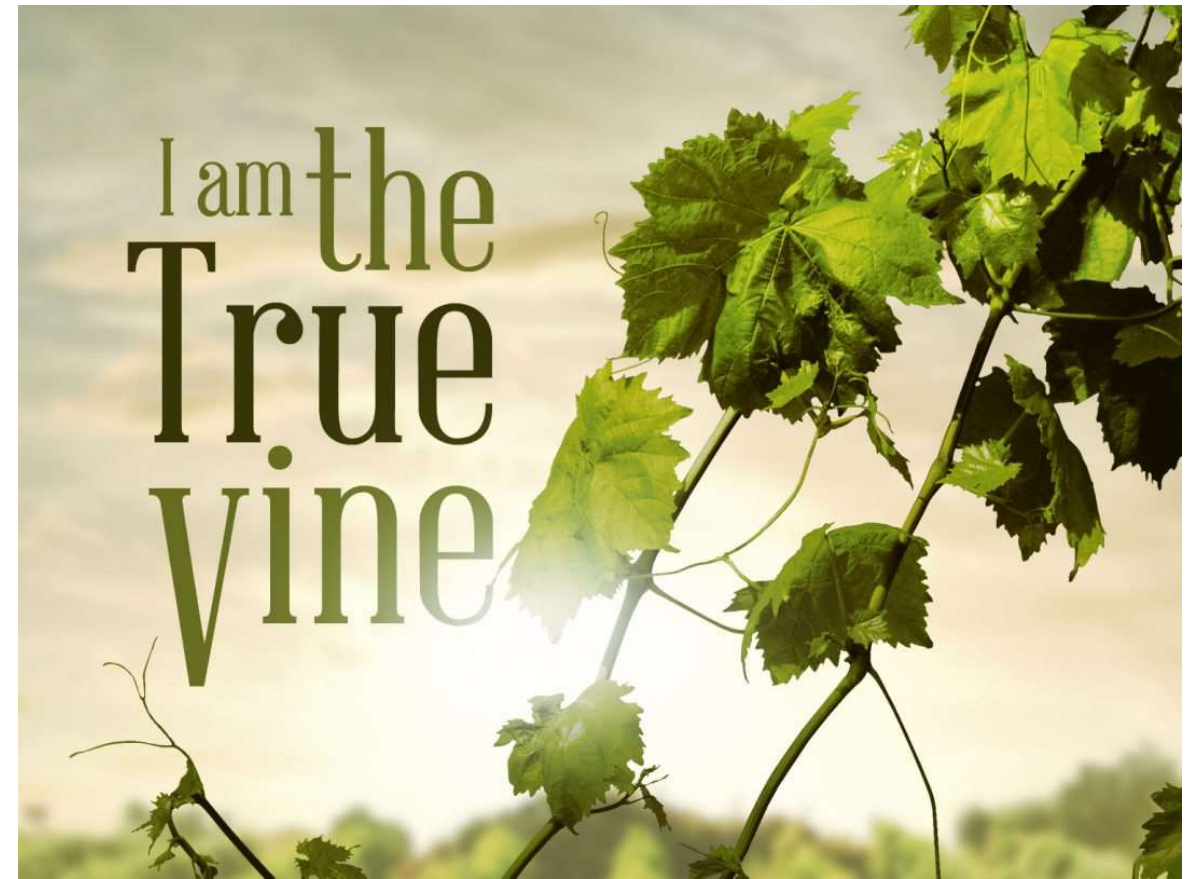
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THE STAFF	
<b>Ministers.....The Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor.....Sooah Na</b>
<b>Dir. of Music Ministry.....Donavon Soumas</b>	<b>Sunday School Coord.....Nicole Tierno</b>
<b>Worship Assistant.....Roselyn Giordano</b>	<b>Custodian.....Olga Alvarado</b>
<b>Ushers.....TBD</b>	<b>Administrative Asst.....Mary Wu</b>
<b>Refreshments.....TBD</b>	<b>Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson</b>

**Remember in your prayers:**  
 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); Martino family; Dorothy Horner; Sylvia Woodfield; Portia Lashley; Mary Ellen Heim; Rohan Punith; John Wooding; 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)



*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 Christ.”

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