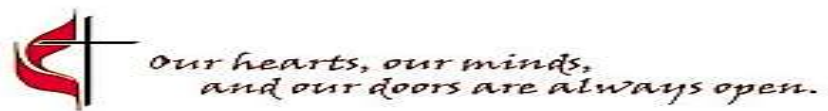


Centenary United Methodist Church



God With US  
November 28, 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:15AM

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 Give Thanks Piano duet  
\*Opening Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211

Call to Worship  
L: Children of God: Let us praise our God.  
P: We gather in the grace and the peace of God.  
L: When we pray, God is always listening.  
P: We pray not only for change but to be changed.  
L: We are confident that when we pray, God is with us.  
P: When God is with us, everything changes.

Opening Prayer  
Eternal God, you have assured us that you are with us. You will strengthen us and help us. God you are present, living, and active in our lives – not only present, but you are rejoicing in us and calming us with your love. When the future is uncertain, trusting the power of your love is sustaining. We commit our desires to you. We will wait on you to move. Thank you for keeping us in perfect peace. We praise you for your presence and put our trust in you! In Jesus’s name, Amen.

Song of Praise Lord, I Lift Your Name on High TFWS 2088

Lighting of the First Advent Candle The Manjourides Family  
On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of HOPE. HOPE is a voice that sings out from broken places. When, like Zechariah, we cannot speak due to fear or doubt or bewilderment, HOPE holds onto us and keeps us moving toward a future we can’t yet see. HOPE carries us as we carry our burdens. HOPE grows from the promise that God is with us.  
Candle Response: Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Let the Children Come Nicole Tierno

The Lord’s Prayer  
\*Scripture Lesson Luke 1:5-25, 57-80  
Sermon “God with Zechariah the Skeptic” Rev. Sooah Na  
Prayer in Song Come, Emmanuel W&S 3130

Offering Invitation This week’s barrel offering is designated for the “Sandwich Making Ministry.”  
\*Offertory Hymn Praise Him, Praise Him Piano duet  
\*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!

\*Prayer of Dedication  
God of Hope, we, too often, doubt that things can change. We believe we are alone. Help us to trust you more and give, knowing you can use even our doubt-filled gifts to bring waves of grace to those in need of love. Take these gifts, and show us the amazing power of your love and grace. Amen.

Celebration of Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

\*Closing Hymn God Almighty, We Are Waiting W&S 3047

\*Benediction  
God's presence and promises are real. Go now into God's world, trusting in God's love and placing your hope in God. Go in peace. Amen.  
Benediction Response: In This House  
In this house, in this house; it all comes together in this house.  
In this house, in this house; it all comes together in this house of God.

Postlude This Is My Father’s World Piano duet

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
Guest Pianist.....	Jonathan Benjamin		
Worship Assistant.....	Nancy Rapp	Custodian.....	Olga Alvarado
Usher.....		Administrative Asst.....	Mary Wu
Refreshments.....	TBD	Early Learning Ctr.....	Melinda Wilson

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lori Loza; Reshma Rahi; Steve Szajko; Susan Nordhausen; 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.; Howie Reenberg (friend of Tom Moyer); Laura Vasile (Rita Vasile's daughter); Portia Lashley; Mary Ellen Heim; Sylvia Woodfield; John Wooding; Samantha (neighbor of Nicole Tierno); Austin Banks' family; Monika Van Houten



*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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