Centenary United Methodist Church

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

September 17, 2023 **16th 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

Preclude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** **by Nancy C. Townley**
L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your healing love.
P: Restore us to life in which peace flourishes.
L: Our spirits are weighed down by our guilt and fear
P: Darkness surrounds us daily.
L: Lord, in your mercy you have forgiven and restored us.
P: Thank you, gracious God, for seeing the good in us and healing our lives. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *God, How Can We Forgive* **TFWS 2169**

Opening Prayer (Unison) **by Nancy C. Townley**
We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Song of Praise** *Mighty to Save* **W&S 3038**

Let the Children Come

***Passing of the Peace** **Young Disciples**

Scripture Reading *Matthew 18:21-35*

Centering Music *Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-So-So)* **TFWS 2232 v. 1, 2**

Sermon **Rev. Sooah Na**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Invitation *September's barrel offering is designated to Sandwich Thursday (Centenary's Sandwich Making Ministry)*

Offertory Music *There's a Song* **TFWS 2141**

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH 95**
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.**

Prayer of Dedication **by Matthew J. Packer**
Giving God, all we are and all we have come from you. We offer back to you what has always been yours. As you have entrusted your gifts to us, so we return these gifts to you, trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your kingdom on earth. We pray through Jesus who gave the totality of his life for us. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** *Grace Alone* **TFWS 2162**

***Benediction**

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

THE STAFF

Ministers……...The Congregation
Dir. of Music Ministry……...Brian Calabro
Worship Assistant……...Ali Woodfield
Drums……Devin Tierno
AV Team……..Paul Manjourides, Ed Stern
Pastor……Sooah Na
Family Ministry Coord...Grace Manjourides
Custodian……..Olga Alvarado
Administrative Asst……..Mary Wu
Early Learning Ctr……Melinda Wilson

Remember in your prayers: Jessica Elil (daughter of Stella, co-worker of Peggy Martino); Kenny Fischer (cousin of Charles Giordano); Young Oh (father of Se Oh); John Ringler; Carole McCann (friend of Ruth Lechelt); 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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