



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

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Samuel Wesley

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, from the foundation of the world,
you have set a plumb line to measure our lives
so that we may live in truth.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
strengthen our hands
for building justice and making peace
through the righteousness of Christ. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2236

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song,
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;

nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, lightyears away
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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The Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Imagine That!

Rev. Patricia Shipley

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

The Earth Is the Lord's

Megan O'Brien, mezzo-soprano
Don McAfee

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
The world and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul into vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

Psalm 24:1-5

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

The Benediction

The Postlude

March

William Walton

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This morning we welcome Rev. Pat Shipley to the pulpit.

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and
throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

Welcome Megan O'Brien!

The offertory solo today is being sung by our new alto section leader, Megan O'Brien. Just this May, Megan completed her Bachelor of Music in Voice at James Madison University. While there she participated in several university choral groups as well the JMU opera theater.

Welcome Megan!

Scripture Readings

Psalm 24

Entrance into the Temple

Of David. A Psalm.

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. *Selah*

Ephesians 1:3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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