

**October 20, 2024**

**22nd 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.*

**Prelude**

*Meditation*

Gabriel Dupont

**Choral Introit**    *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

**People: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome all who walk the halls of power,  
who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

**People: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome all who feel burned out,  
who have given more than they have day in and day out  
and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

**People: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve  
and show God's abundant love and grace among us.

**People: We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love  
and being served by one another  
is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn No. 152**    *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

FOREST GREEN

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Though you are God,**

**with all the influence and status that the name implies,  
you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us.**

**Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us,  
with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human.**

**More than that, you adopted the role of servant, washing feet,**

serving people of no reputation or social standing,  
and giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves,  
and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

## Announcements

### Passing the Peace    *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;**  
**the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

## Children's Time

### Prayer of Illumination

### Old Testament Reading

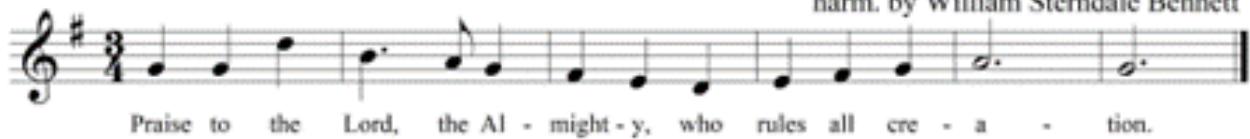
[Job 38:1-7, 31-41](#)

### Psalter

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Joachim Neander  
trans. by Catherine Winkworth, alt.

*Erneuerten Gesangbuch*  
harm. by William Sterndale Bennett



Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion.

### Response

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**O Lord my God, you are very great!**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

2 and cover yourself with light as with a garment;

**you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,**

3 **and have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters;**

you make the clouds your chariot,

and ride on the wings of the wind;

4 **you make the winds your messengers,**

**fire and flame your ministers.**

5 You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it should never be shaken.

6 **You covered it with the deep as with a garment;**

**the waters stood above the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they fled;

**at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.**

8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,

to the place which you appointed for them.

9 **You set a bound which they should not pass,**

**so that they might not again cover the earth.**

### Response

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;**

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

35c **Praise the Lord!**

### Response

### Epistle Reading

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

**Hymn No. 2175***Together We Serve*

SAN ANSELMO

1. Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.
2. We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.
3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
4. Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

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**Gospel Reading**Mark 10:35-45**Sermon***Entrusted to Serve*

Karen Daly Junker

**Offertory Prayer****Offertory***Holy Redeemer*

Jaques Arcadelt

**Doxology No. 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

**Prayers of the People**

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer

**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.****Hymn No. 181***Ye Servants of God*

HANOVER

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

**Benediction****Choral Response**     *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*The altar flowers this morning are given in by Heidi Kara in memory of my great-grandfather, Alfred Martin Oldenberg. "Gone by not forgotten."*

*We welcome Marianne Crean as our guest organist this morning.*

*Thank you to our laity that led us in worship this morning:  
Karen Daly Junker, Kate Hundley, Nancy Grand, Benjamin Toro and Molly Monaghan.*

***Reminder!***

*Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).*

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

## **Welcome!**

Centenary United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, economic background, and physical or mental ability.

We are glad that you have joined us today! If you are a new guest, we hope that you experience a warm welcome! Please return soon and consider us for your church home. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with a pastor.

## ***Announcements***

**HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF** - We all have seen the devastating images coming from all around the southeast in the wake of Hurricane Helene. We cannot begin to imagine the lives that have been lost, and the lives that have been uprooted for many of our neighbors. We have a couple of ways for you to donate through the UMCOR Disaster Relief program.

- Donate online through the church [here](#). Please choose UMCOR Hurricane Relief in the "Fund" pull down menu. Please choose UMCOR Hurricane Relief in the "Fund" pull down menu.
- By check - please put UMCOR in the memo line.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUNG HOMELESS FAMILIES** - We are currently developing a working relationship with Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) and their *Youth Hub*. The Youth Hub provides an array of essential services to homeless young adults ages 18 to 25. Many of these young adults are women with small children. CCC staff have recently made two requests.

- There is a young mother with two sets of twins, all under the age of 5. This young family just moved into a new apartment and are in need of 4 beds for the children. If you have knowledge of where this mother might be able to get the beds for free or at a low cost, please let me know.
- CCC has asked if we might have any church volunteers willing to make and deliver 30 bag lunches on Wednesdays. These lunches are given to the homeless clients receiving services on site on Wednesday's. We will try to provide lunch as many Wednesdays per month as we have volunteers for. Centenary will cover the costs for the bagged lunches.

. This is a great opportunity for families or small groups to gather to make the meals while enjoying fellowship. If you would be willing to make some bag lunches, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**WELCOME SHAWNTAY WHITE** - It's with great pleasure that we introduce our new student intern, Miss Shawntay White. Shawntay is a first-year graduate student in the VCU, School of Social Work. She graduated last May with a bachelor's degree in sociology from Old Dominion University. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, she now lives in Richmond with her fraternal twin sister. As she loves working with children, Shawntay will also be working Sunday's mornings as an assistant in our children's classroom. Please join us in welcoming Shawntay.

## *This Week at Centenary*

<b>Today</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	Charge Conference
<b>October 21</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Change the World/RVA
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>October 23</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Zoom Bible Study
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>October 25</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Friday Lunch Program
	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>October 27</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Worship – In person and online