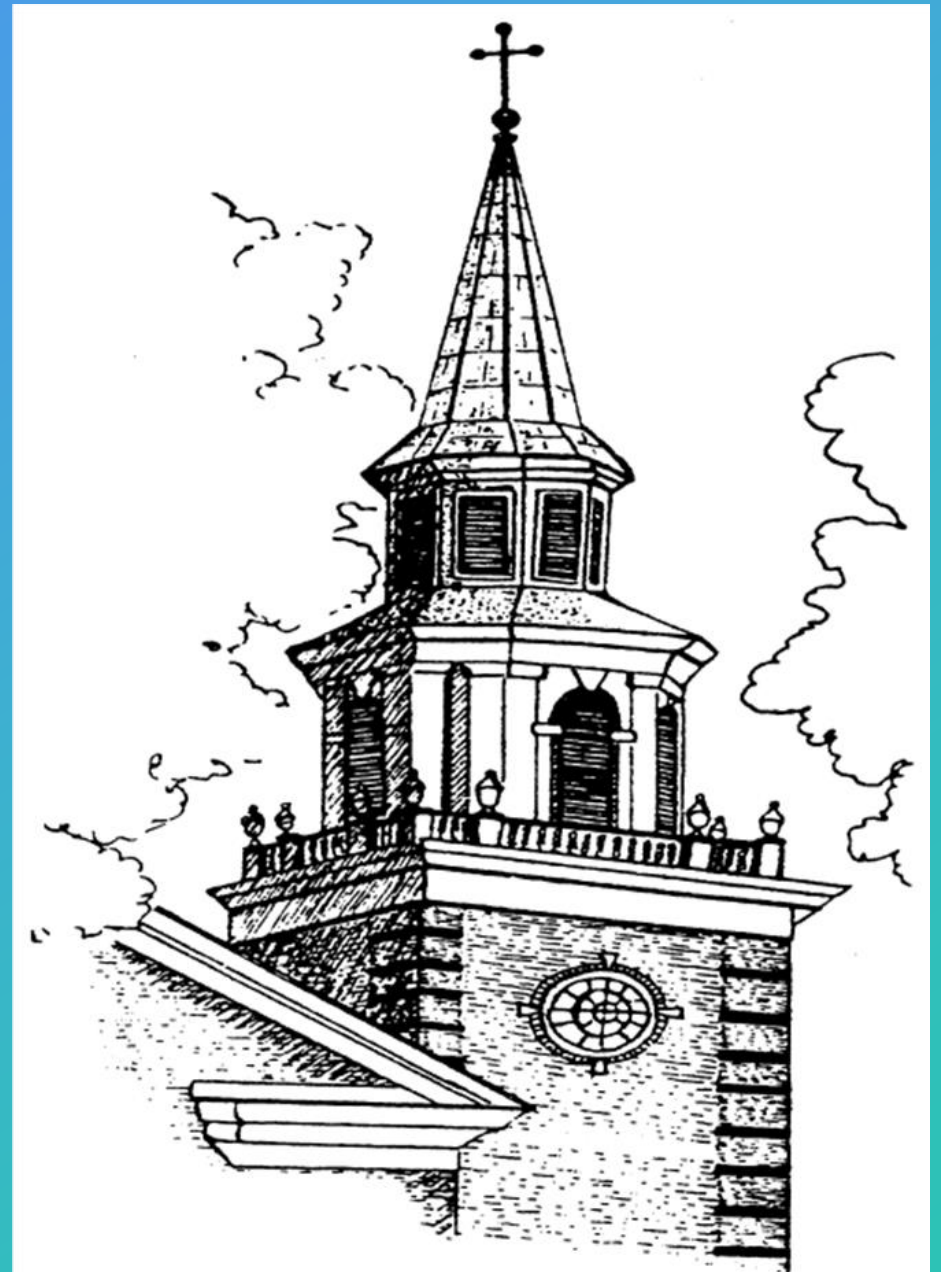


Centenary United Methodist Church

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost



Opening Prayer

Opening Voluntary

“Come, Thou Fount
of Every Blessing”
arr. Dale Wood

Becky Barclay

Bidding Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Mitzi Cole

1 When Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And Joseph wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive? But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt."

5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.'

10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

12 And now your eyes and
the eyes of my brother
Benjamin see that it is my
own mouth that speaks to
you.

13 You must tell our father, Jacob, how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down to Egypt.”

14 Then Joseph fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon Joseph's neck.

15 And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Service of Word and Prayer **9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome Back to In-Person
Worship!*



Call to Worship

From Psalm 133

Call:

*Friends, all
Christians are
called to be one in
Christ.*

Response:

**Unite us Lord,
unite us.**

Call:

*Our unity is made
real by our love, by
our love.*

Response:

**Unite us Lord,
unite us by your
everlasting love.**

Call:

*One in the spirit, we
are anointed as
God's people.*

Response:

**Anoint us with your
love as we sing your
praise and worship
you this day.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:10-28

10 Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand;

11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

13 Jesus answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

14 Ignore the hypocrites; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

15 But Peter said to him,
“Explain this parable to us.”

16 Then Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding?”

17 Do you not see that
whatever goes into the
mouth enters the stomach,
and goes out into the sewer?

18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

21 Jesus left the land at
Gi-nes'uh-ret and went
away to the district of Tyre
and Sidon.

22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

24 Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But the Canaanite woman came and knelt before Jesus, saying, "Lord, help me."

26 Jesus answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus answered her,
“Woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you
wish.” And her daughter
was healed instantly.

Poem
by Charles Wesley

Commit Thou All Thy Grievs
No. 59, Wesley Hymns

Commit thou all thou
griefs

And ways into His
hands,

To His sure truth and
tender care,

Who heav'n and earth
commands.

Who points the clouds
their course,

Whom winds and seas
obey,

He shall direct thy
wand'ring feet,

He shall prepare thy
way.

Thou on the Lord rely,

So safe shalt thou go
on;

Fix on His work thy
steadfast eye,

So shall thy work be
done.

Sermon

Rev. John W. Cole II

“Lord Help Me”

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer



The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Statement of Faith

Based Upon

Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32

August 16, 2020

Call:

Has God ever revoked his covenant to Israel; the everlasting covenant between God and His people?

Witness:

No, not at all! The covenant between God and Abraham is from everlasting to everlasting. God promised Abraham that through him all families of the earth shall be blessed!

Call:

*Don't forget that we are
gentiles and were once
strangers to Gods covenant.
We were a people without
hope!*

Witness:

**But thanks be to Jesus, God
chose to show mercy to all.**

Call:

*Now, God's promise to
Abraham extends to
everyone who has faith in
Jesus!*

All:

We are not entitled! Our part in the covenant comes by our faith in Jesus and God's gracious acts of mercy.



Announcements

Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah”
arr. Forrest

Becky Barclay

Benediction