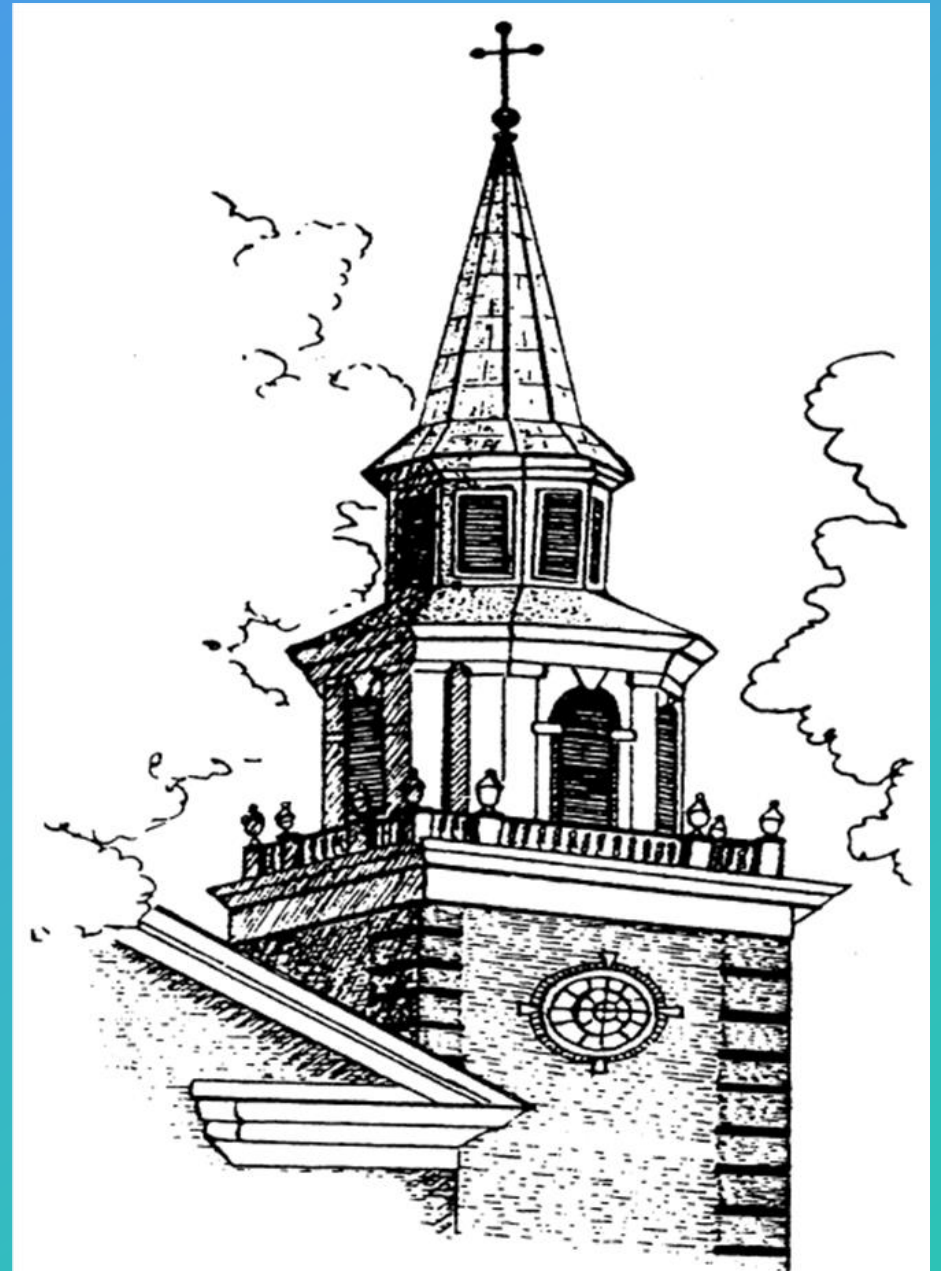


Centenary United Methodist Church

August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost





Opening Prayer

Opening Voluntary

Becky Barclay

Bidding Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canannites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 The cry of the Israelites
has now come to me; I
have also seen how the
Egyptians oppress them.

10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses said to God,
“Who am I that I should go
to Pharaoh, and bring the
Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 God said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you; when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

13 But Moses said to God,
“If I come to the Israelites
and say to them, “The God
of your ancestors has sent
me to you,’ and they ask me,
‘What is his name?’ what
shall I say to them?”

14 God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

*Welcome Back to In-Person
Worship!*



Call to Worship

From Psalm 105 JWCI

Call:

*O give thanks to
the Lord, call on
God's name;*

Response:

**Proclaim God's
deeds to the
neighborhood.**

Call:

*Sing praises to
God; tell of all His
wonderful works.*

Response:

**We glory in God's
holy name; let the
hearts of those who
seek the Lord rejoice.**

Call:

*Let us remember
the wonderful works
of God.*

Response:

**Rejoice, people of
God! Praise the
Lord!**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

21 After ordering the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great sufferings at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

22 And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

23 But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

25 For those who want to
save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Poem
by Charles Wesley

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go
No. 93, Wesley Hymns

Forth in Thy name, O
Lord, I go

My daily labor to
pursue;

**Thee, only Thee,
resolved to know**

**In all I think, or speak,
or do.**

The task Thy wisdom
hath assigned

O let me cheerfully
fulfill;

In all my works Thy
presence find,

And prove Thy good and
perfect will.

Give me to bear Thy
easy yoke,

And every moment
watch and pray;

And still to things eternal
look,

And hasten to Thy glorious
day.

Sermon
Rev. John W. Cole II

“COOPERATE, PLEASE”

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Statement of Faith

Apostles' Creed

August 30, 2020

I believe in God the Father
Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



Announcements



Postlude

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Benediction