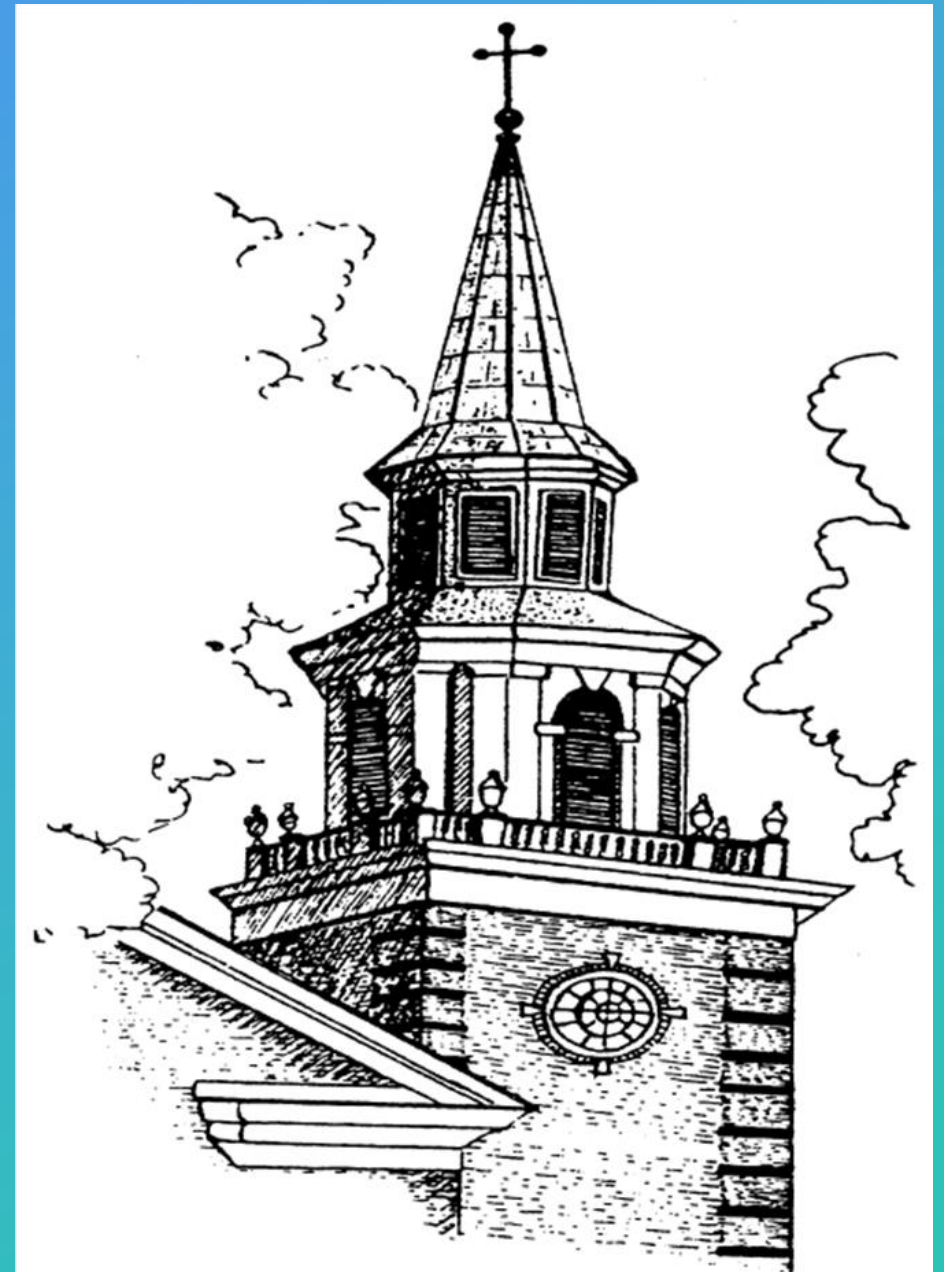


Centenary United Methodist Church


August 9, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost





Opening Prayer



Opening Voluntary

George Stone



Bidding Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4,
12-28

Karen Diddle

1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers;

he was a helper to the sons of Bil'huh and Zil'puh, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.

4 But when Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

12 Now Joseph's brothers
went to graze Jacobs's flock
near Shek'uhm.

13 And Israel said to Joseph,
“Are not your brothers
pasturing the flock at
Shek’uhm? Come, I will send
you to them.” He answered,
“Here I am.”

14 So Jacob said to Joseph,
“Go now, see if it is well with
your brothers and with the
flock; and bring word back to
me.” So he sent Joseph
from the valley of Hebron.
He came to Shek’uhm.

15 and a man found Joseph wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"

16 I am seeking my
brothers," he said; "tell me
please, where they are
pasturing the flock."

17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Doh'thuhn.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Doh'thuhn.

18 Joseph's brothers saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.

19 His brothers said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

20 Come now, let us kill Joseph and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.”

21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered Joseph out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

22 Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” –that Reuben might rescue Joseph out of their hand and restore him to his father.

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;

24 and Joseph's brothers
took him and threw him into a
pit. The pit was empty; there
was no water in it.

25 Then his brothers sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill Joseph and conceal his blood?"

27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for Joseph is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed.

28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And the Ishmaelites took Joseph to Egypt.

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

*Welcome Back to In-Person
Worship!*



Call to Worship

From Psalm 105

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 14:22-33

22 After Jesus feeds the 5,000, he immediately made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

23 And after Jesus had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

24 but by this time the boat,
battered by the waves, was far
from the land, for the wind
was against the disciples.

25 And early in the morning
Jesus came walking toward
them on the sea.

26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him,
“Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water.”

29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

30 But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"


32 When Jesus and Peter
got into the boat, the wind
ceased.

33 And those in the boat
worshiped him, saying,
“Truly you are the Son of
God.”

Poem
by Charles Wesley

Holy Lamb, Who Thee Confess

No. 73, Wesley Hymns



Holy Lamb, who Thee
confess,

Follwers of Thy
holiness,



Thee they ever keep in
view,

Ever ask: What shall
we do?

Governed only by Thy
will,

All Thy words we
would fulfill;



Would in all Thy
footsteps go,

Walk as Jesus walked
below.




While Thou didst on
earth appear,

Servant to Thy
servants here,




Mindful of Thy place
above,

All Thy life was prayer
and love.



Such our whole
employment be,

Works of faith and
charity;




Works of love on man
bestowed,

Secret fellowship with
God.



Vessels, in instruments
of grace,

Pass we thus our
happy days



'Twixt the mount and
multitude,

Doing or receiving
good;



Glad to pray and labor
on,

Till our earthly course
is run;



Till we, on the sacred
tree,

Bow the head and die
like thee.



Sermon

Marsha Duncan

**“Something Different
Something Better”**



**SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
SOMETHING
BETTER**



Jesus feeds the

5,000?

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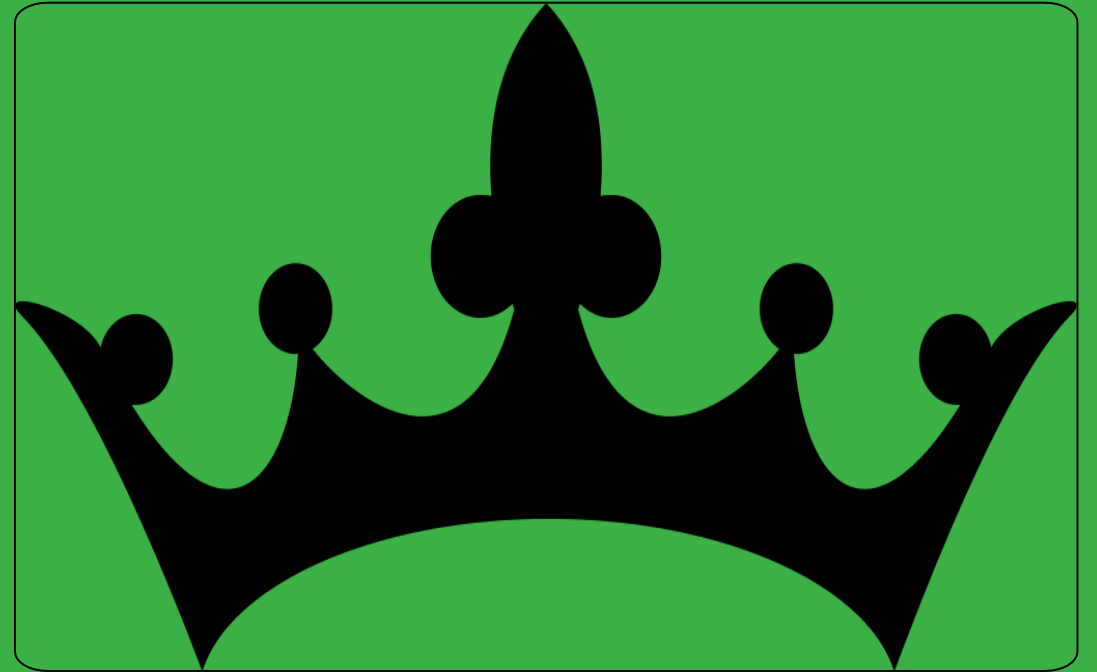
25,000!

**WHAT'S
IN IT
FOR ME?**

- **Healing
deliverance
from disease**
- **Resurrection
from the dead**
- **Food security**

**WHAT MORE DO
THE PEOPLE
WANT?**

**NO HEROD
NO ROME
A KING!**



best
day
of my
life



THE JESUS

● **AGENDA**



**JESUS
COMPELS
THE
DISCIPLE
TO GO!**





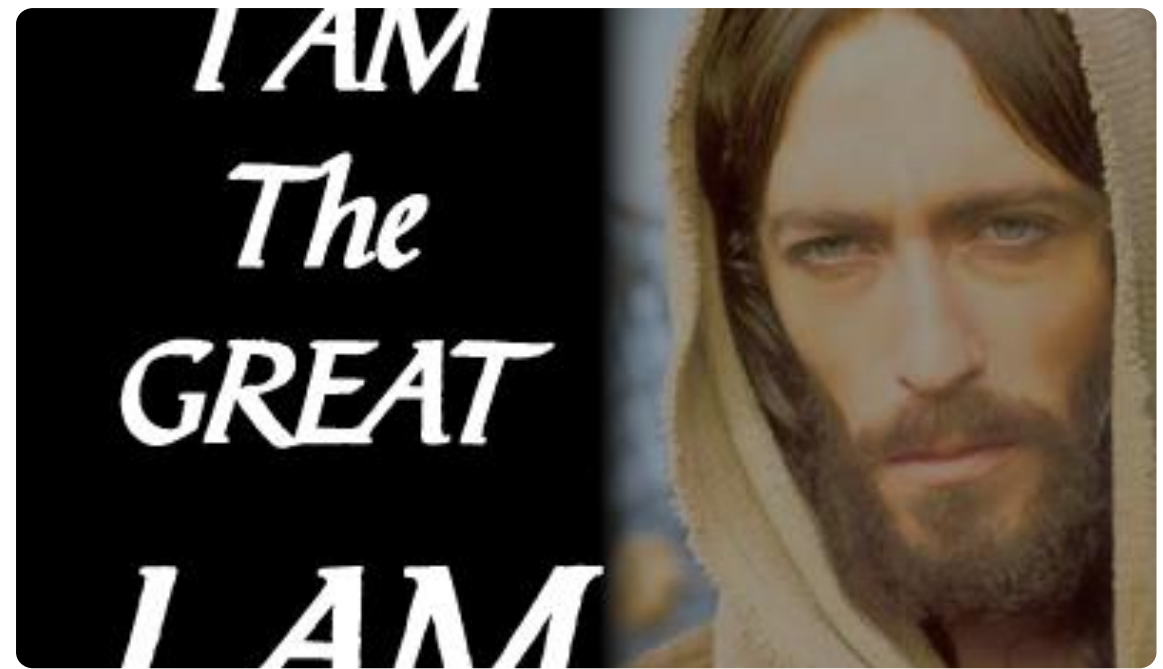


"I AM"






SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
SOMETHING
BETTER





Prayer of the People



The Lord's Prayer



The Offertory

George Stone



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Statement of Faith

Based Upon Romans 10:5-15

August 9, 2020

Call:

*How can we ascend heaven?
Can we enter heaven by living
socially sensible lives; are
good works the key to God's
kingdom?*

Witness:

God forbid it, no! It is not by our good behavior or hard work that we enter in to the kingdom.

Call:

*But if someone should ask,
“How can I earn God’s
favor?” what will you say?*

Witness:

The key to the kingdom is to share faith; profess Jesus as Lord; embrace his resurrection; and, believe in God's perfecting love.

Call:

What is our reward in all of this?

Witness:

We are adopted as God's children. God favors His children and makes a place for us in His eternal home.

Call:

What if they do not believe or have never heard? And, how will the Godless hear if someone does not proclaim Jesus?

Call (cont'd):

*And, how will the Godless
come to proclaim Jesus
unless someone is sent? Who
shall go to those who do not
know Jesus?*

Witness:

**Who knows? Who shall
introduce them to Jesus?**

All:

**We are all called and sent
to proclaim the good news
of Jesus Christ!**



Announcements



Postlude

George Stone



Benediction

Now go forth to serve God with
patience and passion. Be
deliberate in enacting your faith.
Be steadfast in celebrating the
Spirit's power. And may peace
be your way in the world. Amen.