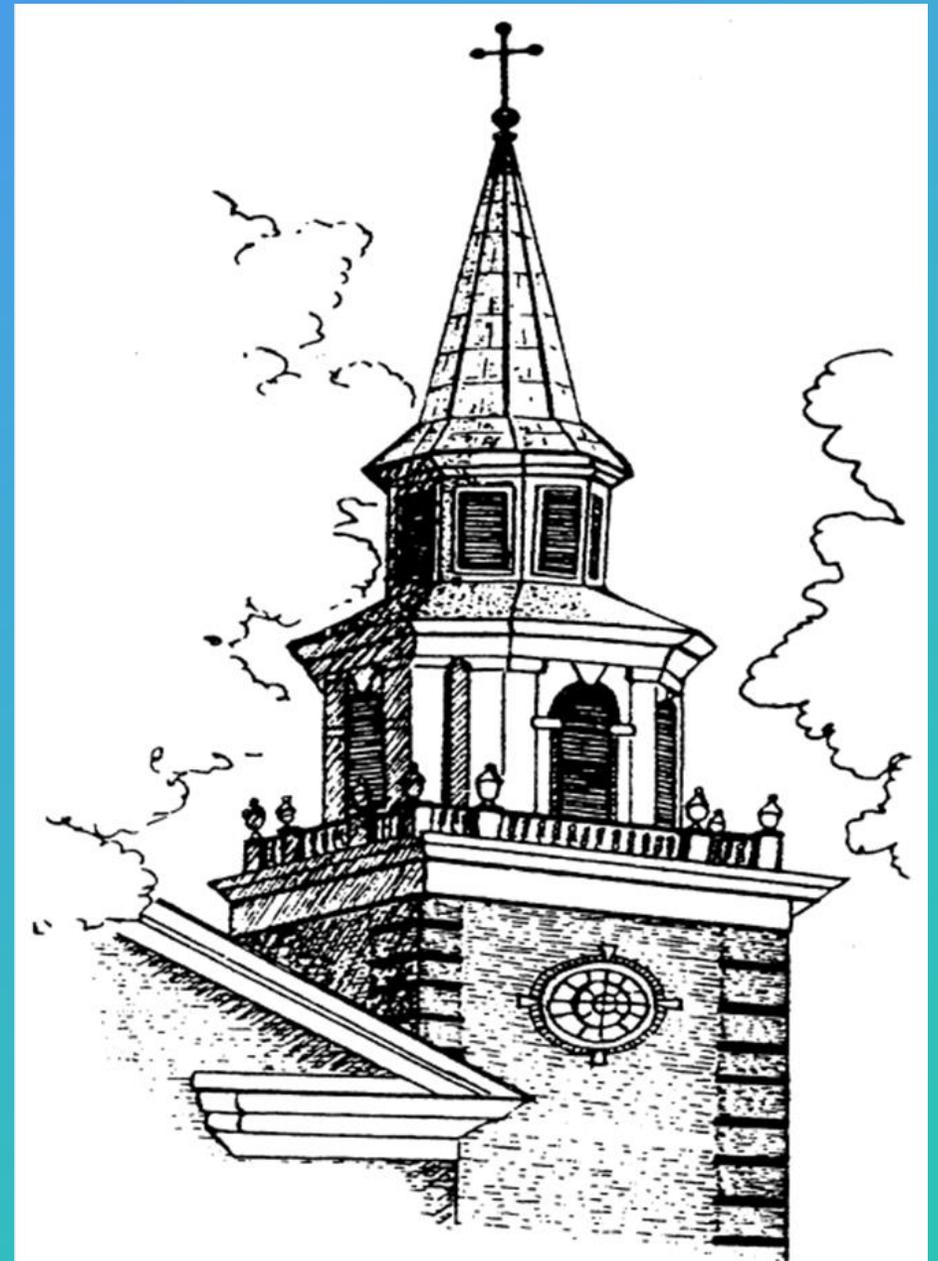


Centenary United Methodist Church

September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost



Opening Prayer

Opening Voluntary

Becky Barclay

Bidding Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

20 It came between the
army of Egypt and the
army of Israel. And so the
cloud was there with the
darkness, and it lit up the
night; one did not come
near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued,
and went into the sea after
them, all of Pharaoh's
horses, chariots, and
chariot drivers.

24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel
that day from the Egyptians;
and Israel saw the Egyptians
dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

*Welcome Back to In-Person
Worship!*



Call to Worship

From Exodus 15 JWCI

Call:

*Sing praise to the Lord
for he lifts up victims and
hurls the enemy to the
bottom of the sea.*

Response:

**O Lord, you give us
strength and good
reasons to sing the
songs of salvation.**

Call:

The Lord is our warrior. He goes by The Holy One of Israel. The enemy's officers, he dispatches of them; in their malice he buries them - they cannot be retrieved.

Response:

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic with power; your right hand shatters the enemy.

Call:

*O Lord, the enemy
threatens to pursue us -
even today; he threatens
us with his ways of
destruction and desolation.*

Response:

**Blow upon the sea again
as you did in days of old
when the enemy sunk like
lead in the mighty waters.**

All:

**Who else is like you O Lord;
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory and
always working wonders.
Who else compares to you,
O Lord?**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to Peter, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 When the king began the reckoning, a slave who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

25 and, as the slave could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

26 So the slave fell on his knees before his lord, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, the slave said, 'Pay what you owe.'

29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

30 But he refused; then he went and threw his fellow slave into prison until he would pay the debt.

31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.'

33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

34 And in anger his lord handed the slave over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Poem
by Charles Wesley

All Ye That Pass By
No. 152, Wesley Hymns

All ye that pass by,
To Jesus draw nigh;

To you is it nothing
that Jesus should die?

Your ransom and peace,
Your surety He is.

Come see if there ever
was sorrow like His.

He dies to atone
For sins not His own;

Your debt He hath paid
and your work he hath done.

Ye all may receive
The peace he did leave,

Who made intercession:
“My Father, forgive!”

For you and me
He prayed on the tree;

The prayer is accepted,
the sinner is free.

That sinner am I
Who on Jesus rely

And come for the pardon
God cannot deny.

Sermon
Rev. John W. Cole II

**“THE FORGIVEN
FORGIVE”**

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer



The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Statement of Faith

Based Upon

Romans 14:1-12

September 13, 2020

Call:

How do we manage our differences? Shall we expect all Jesus' disciples will have the same worldview. Do we expect that they will practice their faith exactly as we do?

Witness:

We were once welcomed; now we are welcoming. We were once extended grace; now we are grace filled. We were once shown patience; we are now patient. We will judge not, that we be judged not.

Call:

*How are we to be one in
the Lord when we all see
things so differently?*

Witness:

Our unity is our common need for redemption. We belong to the resurrected Christ. Our knees bend to the Lord and our tongues confess God.

Witness (cont'd):

Since we all stand under the same judgment, we will not judge our brothers and sisters. We will not cause them to stumble.

Witness (cont'd):

**We will not provoke them
by disregarding their
sincerely held beliefs or by
imposing ours.**



Announcements

Postlude

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Benediction