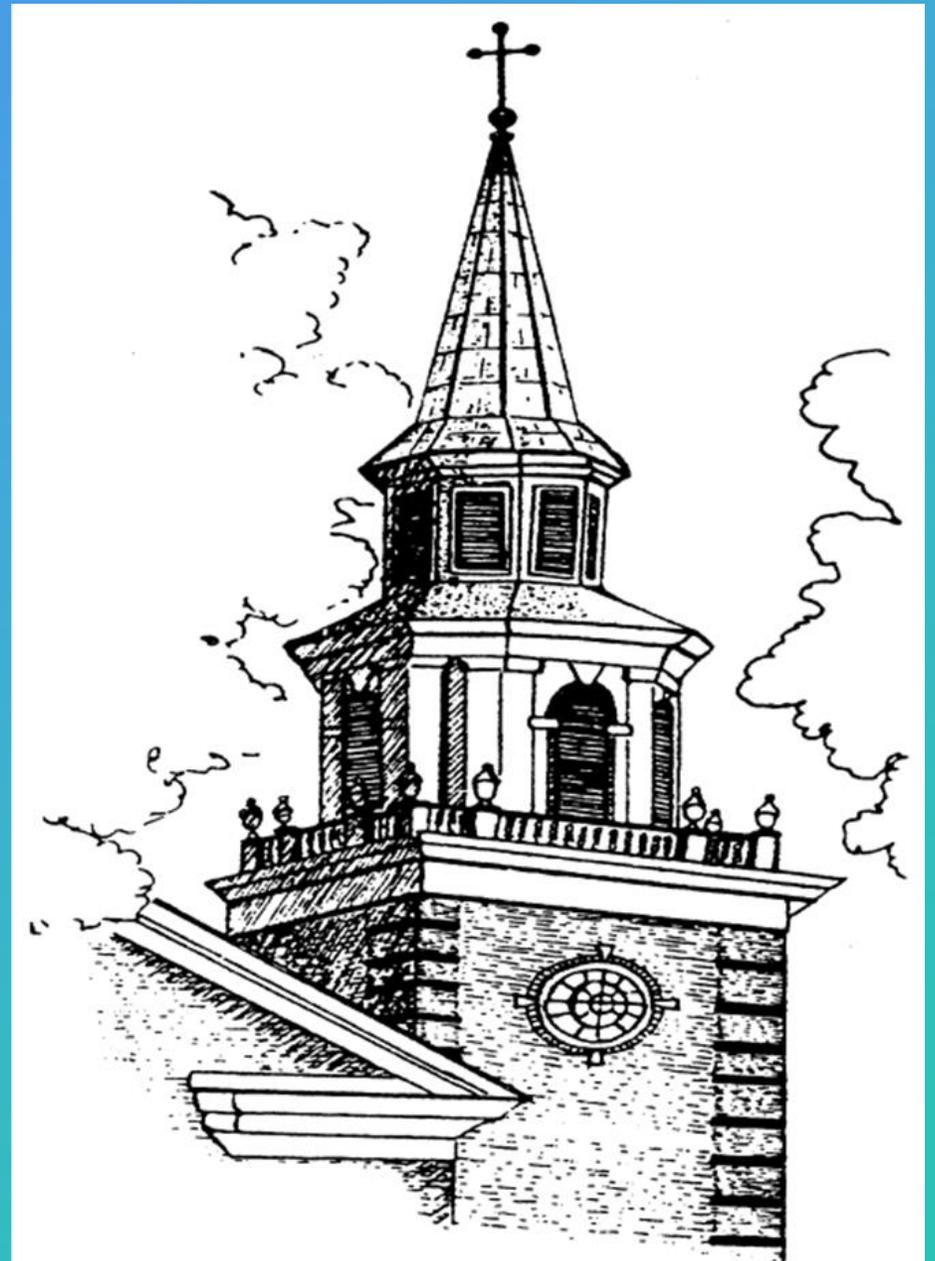


# Centenary United Methodist Church

September 6, 2020

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



# Opening Prayer



# Opening Voluntary

## George Stone

# Bidding Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Gary Denette

1 The Lord said to Moses  
and Aaron in the land of  
Egypt:

2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 You shall keep it until the  
fourteenth day of this month;  
then the whole assembled  
congregation of Israel shall  
slaughter it at twilight.

7 The congregation of Israel shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

11 This is how you shall eat it; your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments; I am the Lord.

13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

*Welcome Back to In-Person  
Worship!*



# **Call to Worship**

## **From Psalm 148 JWCI**

*Call:*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord from  
the heavens; praise  
him in the heights!*

**Response:**

**Glory to God in the  
highest! Praise God, all  
the angels; praise God,  
all the heavenly host!**

*Call:*

*Praise God, sun  
and moon; Comets  
and shining stars  
praise the Lord!*

**Response:**

**Fire and hail, snow  
and frost, stormy  
wind - let them praise  
the name of the Lord.**

*Call:*

*Kings of the earth and  
all peoples, princes  
and all rulers of the  
earth!*

**Response:**

**Young men and  
women alike, old and  
young together, we  
will praise the Lord!**

*Call:*

*Glory to God in the  
highest!*

**Response:**

**And on earth peace  
to all! God dwells  
with us. Alleluia!**

# Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

15 “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three  
are gathered in my name, I  
am there among them.

Poem  
by Charles Wesley

Jesus, We Look to Thee  
No. 105, Wesley Hymns

Jesus, we look to Thee,  
Thy promised presence  
claim;

Thou in the midst of us  
shalt be,  
Assembled in Thy name.

Thy name salvation is,  
Which here we come to  
prove;

Thy name is life and  
health and peace,  
And everlasting love.

Not in the name of pride  
Or selfishness we meet;

From nature's paths we  
turn aside,  
And worldly tho'ts forget.

We meet the grace to take  
Which Thou has freely giv'n;

We meet on earth for Thy  
dear sake,  
That we may meet in heav'n.

Present we know Thou art,  
But O Thyself reveal;

Now Lord, let every  
bounding heart  
The mighty comfort feel!

O may Thy quick'ning voice  
The death of sin remove,

And bid our in-most souls  
rejoice

In hope of perfect love!

**Sermon**  
**Rev. John W. Cole II**

**“BOUND ON EARTH,  
BOUND IN HEAVEN”**

# Prayer of the People

# The Lord's Prayer



# The Offering

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

# **Statement of Faith**

**Based Upon**

**Romans 13:8-14**

**September 6, 2020**

*Call:*

*What does an  
uninspired life look  
like?*

# **Witness:**

**A life without the Holy Spirit sometimes disregards human life. It ignores the things that are pleasing to God. Without God, we are tempted by theft, murder, envy, jealousy, quarrelling, lying and licentious living.**

*Call:*

*Can an unreformed heart  
provide for a virtuous life?*

**Witness:**

**No! Left to our own devices,  
we have no reliable  
standard. We can convince  
ourselves that anything we  
do is somehow exceptional  
and excused.**

*Call:*

*What are God's people to do? Are there any good alternatives to the way the world works?*

**Witness:**

**We are informed by the Law of Moses and redeemed by the blood of Christ. We are not bound by debt or guilt, but liberated by love of God and neighbor.**

**Witness (cont'd):**

**We strive to please God and pay forward God's grace to our neighbor. But, when we falter, we look to Jesus, our Rock and Redeemer.**



# Announcements



# Postlude

# George Stone



# Benediction