



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss

The Greeting

The Hymn No. 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you still
holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.
5. O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.
6. Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God!

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love.**

**We are so caught up in getting everything that we want;
and we want it all right now.**

**We have trouble waiting and remembering
that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice.**

**It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil
for your words and work.**

**We find excuses not to be attentive to you,
but to focus instead on our own desires.**

Slow us down, Lord.

**Remind us again of your mercy and your love;
for we offer this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you. **Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 2135

When Cain Killed Abel in a Fight

AFTER THE FALL

Music: John D. Horman

Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn

1. When Cain killed A - bel in a fight, and Ja - cob stole an - oth - er's right, when
2. In ev - ery fam - ily, small or great, when jeal - ou - sy twists love to hate, and
3. And when in church and world to - day such feel - ings still come in - to play, when
5 4. Good Chris - tians, join in God's la - ment, weep now and mourn, be pen - i - tent, and

Jo - seph's broth - ers gave him chase, God wept and mourned their fall from grace.
ri - vals turn to en - e - mies, God weeps at our hos - til - i - ties.
broth - ers, sis - ters stand a - part, God weeps for ev - ery bro - ken heart.
pray to God: For - give us all. Re - store us as be - fore the fall.

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The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Salvation and Sibling Rivalry

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

Behold the Son of God
Lynn Kotrady, mezzo soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Come behold, all ye that languish, come behold the Son of God.
God who loved the world hath given him, to unfold eternal life.
Not condemning came our Master, but to save the world he came,
In Christ Jesus is no condemnation, Spirit's law hath set us free.

Hear beloved, Christ's new commandment, "Love each other as I love you.
Show that you are my disciples through the love that you will live.
Go and sell all earthly treasure, give to the poor, the meek in heart,
You will find a heav'nly treasure. Take up your cross and follow me."

Text from John 3:13, Romans 8, Mark 10, adapted by M. B. Sterns

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace one earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Shalom to You

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We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music/Organist:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Vocal Soloist:	Lynn Kotrady
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

Scripture

Romans 8:1-11

Life Through the Spirit

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Genesis 25:19-34

Jacob and Esau

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³ The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."

²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.

²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

³⁰ He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

³¹ Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

³² "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

³³ But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.