

Centenary United Methodist Church



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Centenary United Methodist Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Heidi Chamberlain ~ Music Director: Janet Tucker

*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE

As we gather, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Joshua 24, Psalm 78, 1 Thessalonians 4)

L: The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

P: We are witnesses.

L: We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.

P: We are witnesses.

L: The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

P: We are witnesses.

L: Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

P: We will worship and witness together!

*OPENING PRAYER

(1 Thessalonians 4, Matthew 25)

L: Your love has brought us together, O Lord,
and it is your love that sustains us through each day.

All: We pray that you would keep us faithful.

**Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom,
strengthen us to work with you
to bring about, here and now,
your reign on earth.**

**Give us the courage to witness to your presence in the world,
today, tomorrow, and into the future.**

We pray in the name of the One who comes, Christ our Savior.

AMEN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost,
we are not lost to God.

God calls us to be ready for God's new kingdom.

In all this God is with us. **AMEN**

ANTHEM

Janet Tucker

GOD'S WORD – THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOD'S WORD – THE GOSPELS

Matthew 25:1-13

THE MESSAGE

“Ready or not, here I come...”

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Summons”

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During this time of social distancing, we are mindful that the work of the church continues. As such, we ask for your continued stewardship.

If you are unable to attend “in-person” worship, please mail your tithes and offerings:

Malone: Centenary UMC

345 W. Main Street Malone, NY 12953

THE DOXOLOGY

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

TOUCHING BASE BEFORE CHARGE CONFERENCE

BENEDICTION

L: Go out to stay awake! Go out to keep alert and be ready!

P: We do not know the day or the hour, but we do know that God goes with us at all hours, on all days.

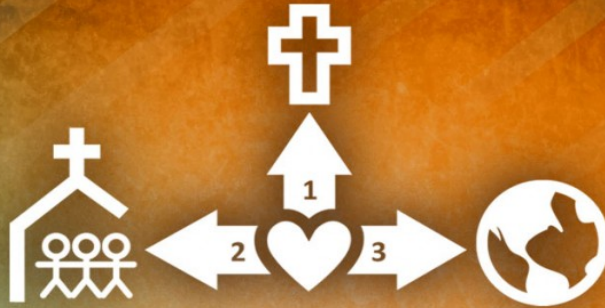
L: Go with the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

All: We go to witness and serve! AMEN

POSTLUDE

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



LOVE GOD.	LOVE OTHERS.	GO OUT.
(Matt 22:37)	(Matt 22:39)	(Matt 28:19-20)
Believe the Gospel	Work on Relationships	Hang with Neighbors
Read Bible Daily	Attend Wednesday/Tuesday	Talk About Jesus
Pray Continually	Men/Women's Monthly Study	Serve at Food Pantry
Attend Sundays	Serve in the Church	Go on a Mission Trip
Give Sacrificially	Pursue Holiness	Teach Others One on One

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Rev. Mark J. Webb, Resident Bishop – Lay Leader: *Dan Moore Snyder*
Rev. Mike Weeden, District Superintendent – Choir Director & Organist: *Janet Tucker*
Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain, Pastor – Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:
Beth Mosher

Next Sunday: November 15, 2020

Liturgical Color: Green – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter(s): All of the Congregation!

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