

*Centenary United Methodist Church*



*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 25, 2020*

# *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2020*

**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**

L: They asked Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment?"

**P: He said that each one should love the Lord their God with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their minds.**

L: Jesus has given all of us the key to faithful discipleship.

**P: Yet he added something that they had counted as unimportant.**

L: That's right! He said that they should also love their neighbors  
as they loved themselves.

**P: That's not always easy, but it is vitally important.**

L: Thanks be to Jesus who gives us the total picture of faithful discipleship.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, today that we might truly  
follow these commandments. AMEN**

### **OPENING HYMN**

"Love the Lord"

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### **ANTHEM**

Janet Tucker

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

L: Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered  
to hear your word.

Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love,  
even when loving is difficult.

Give us the courage to be people who will commit  
their whole lives in your service.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

**GOD'S WORD – THE EPISTLES**

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

**GOD'S WORD - THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 22:34–46

**THE MESSAGE**

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

“The Greatest Commandments”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“You Say”

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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:*

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**THE DOXOLOGY**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: God, our Father, with these gifts we offer you  
our lives to do your work in the world.**

**Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our leisure,  
our relationships with other people, our friendships  
and our family life, our dreams and our doubts,  
our faith and our plans for the future.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
we bring them to you. AMEN**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

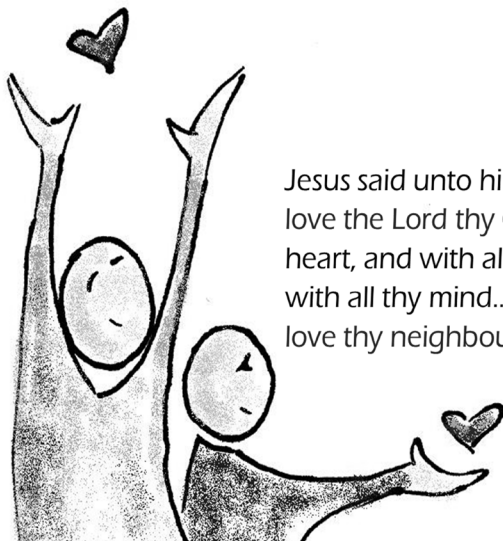
**BENEDICTION**

**L: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.  
Go forth into this aching, hurting world with God's love,  
offering healing, hope, and peace to all.  
Go in peace and may God's peace surround you always. AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind... And... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

~ Matthew 22:37, 40

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*Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain*, Pastor – Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:  
*Beth Mosher*

**Next Sunday: November 1, 2020**

**Liturgical Color: Green – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday**

**Greeter(s): All of the Congregation!**

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