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on October 17 by Kyle and Caroline Carrier Mitchell.*

**Centenary United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
October 25, 2020 8:30 AM 11:00 AM
Reformation Sunday**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (11:00)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

8:30

More Love To Thee O Christ

Paul Saik-piano

11:00

Prelude on "Ein Feste Berg"

Paul Saik-organ

Payne

GREETING

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust,

And say, "Turn back O mortal ones!"

**For a thousand years in your sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past
Or as a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,

Like grass which is renewed in the morning:

**In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
In the evening it fades and withers.**

Return, O Lord! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

And as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,
And your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

And establish the work of our hands;

Yes, establish the work of our hands.

HYMN

A Might Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also,
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

OPENING PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM (11:00)

We Are Your Church, O Christ
Centenary Choral Ensemble

Martin

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today-the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters,¹ that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of God for us the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 23:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Out Of The Box

The Rev Tom Greener

HYMN

Word Of God, Come Down On Earth

Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
Heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

8:30

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Martin

11:00

More Love To Thee, O Christ
Paul Saik-piano

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INTERCESSORY REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 who 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ever, only, all for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for thee.

SENDING FORTH

A Clare Benediction
Centenary Choral Ensemble

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POSTLUDE
(8:30)

The Gift Of Love
Paul Saik-piano

(11:00)

Postlude on "Ein' Feste Berg"
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