

# *Centenary*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Corner of Middle & New Streets  
New Bern, North Carolina**

**Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023      8:30 a.m.**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Greeting

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*He Lives*  
Paul Saik-piano

arr. Saik

\*Opening Prayer

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn # 302

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today* (v. 1,2,4,5)

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

*Your Sanctuary*  
Centenary Chapel Choir

Sorenson

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

\*The Gospel

John 20:1-20

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

**Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gloria Patri # 71

Sermon

*Practice Resurrection*

The Rev. Vann Spivey

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn # 154

*All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

Easter Prayer of Affirmation

(see insert)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Sing

## **GIVING THANKS**

The Offering

Offertory

*Because He Lives*  
Centenary Chapel Choir

Hayes

Doxology # 95

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\*Hymn # 327

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\*Benediction\

\*Postlude

*Thine Be The Glory*  
Paul Saik-piano

arr. Saik

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\*Please stand as you are able.



## *Christ's Love*

**Welcome New Friends!** We are glad we can worship God together this morning. As we can be helpful, we look forward to doing so, When you are ready to make Centenary your new church home, please speak with either of our ministers or indicate your desire on the pew registration pad.

All 3 services (8:30, 9:00, 11:00) are streamed on Facebook live (Centenary United Methodist Church) and on our webpage ([centenarychurch.com](http://centenarychurch.com)). The services will also be posted on YouTube (Centenary UMC New Bern NC) later on Sunday afternoon.

Centenary's 11:00 worship service is broadcast each Sunday  
on radio station WNBB, 97.9 FM.  
Please worship with us on the radio.



Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Stephen Ministers are at the altar following each service for confidential discussion or questions.

Scan to make an online offering.



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