

**Welcome New Friends!** We are glad we can worship God together this morning. Let our church family embrace yours! When you are ready to make Centenary your new church home, please speak with either of our ministers or indicate your desire on the visitor information card.

All three services (8:30, 9:00, 11:00) are streamed live on Facebook (Centenary United Methodist Church) and on our webpage (centenarychurch.com). The services will also be posted to YouTube (Centenary UMC New Bern NC) by Monday.



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# Centenary United Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets New Bern, North Carolina

March 23, 2025 9:00 a.m.

## Welcome Home!

### Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.

#### **Gathering to Worship**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

\*Songs of Praise

Fierce

Death was Arrested

#### Preparing for God's Word

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Sanctuary

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give

Song of Thanksgiving

After All (Holy)

#### Receiving God's Word

Time With Young Disciples

First Reading

Job 42:1-7, 10, 17

\*Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Why, Lord?"

Vann Spivey

#### Going Forth to Serve

\*Song of Grace

*My Feet are on the Rock* 

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Why me Lord? What have I ever done To deserve even one Of the pleasures I've known? Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do That was worth loving You *Or the kindness You've shown?* Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it So help me Jesus, I know what I am. But now that I know that I've needed You So, Help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand. Try me Lord, if You think there's a way I can try to repay All I've taken from You. Maube Lord, I can show someone else What I've been through myself On my way back to You. -Kris Kristofferson

(\*) Indicates please stand as you are able. Words printed in bold are to be prayed or read in unison.

Please return all hymnals, songbooks, and Bibles to their holder on the back of the pew before you leave:

2 hymnals, 2 songbooks, and 1 Bible per section.