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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2024 – 10:00am

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - YEAR B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Believe
by Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman

INTROIT:

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? What have you to do with my joys and my hopes, with my hurts and my losses? Come with grace and mercy.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Faithful God, we stand in this congregation to give you thanks with our whole hearts, for your works are great. Your massive power upholds the universe, and yet it is so intimate, it upholds our lives, tiny in the scale of the galaxies. You provide food for us and for all your creatures, from goldfish to whales, hummingbirds to eagles, ants to elephants. You nurture life in the seas yet watch over the deserts. Your work is full of honor and majesty. Thank you for being mindful of us all, remembering your promises. May your creative love and faithful power endure forever. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Fount of Life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty:

the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.

Ever-Living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.

Sheltering God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promises to us:

the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.

The works of your hands are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

Your praise endures forever! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Gracious God, when we speak of your great power, the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives. We hear that you are faithful, that you remember us and your promises, yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right. We often wonder what you have to do with our lives, especially in the places that hurt. Help us trust your promised grace, for we long to touch your healing peace. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God holds true to God's promises and sends redemption to God's people. Let us rejoice in the God who remembers and redeems. Amen.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Great is The Lord

TFWS 2022 (vss 1.3)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give thanks for the wonderful deeds of God, through our own generosity and faithfulness to others.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

He's Only A Prayer Away
by Lange and Graham

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, Spirit from on high, may our gifts reveal your grace and mercy far and wide. May others learn of your faithful love through the power of your works and through the gifts we bring this day. May they also learn that you have everything to do with their lives. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 111

A reading from book of Psalms...

- ¹ Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
- ² The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- ³ His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
- ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

"What Are We Afraid Of?"
Dave Holland

***CLOSING HYMN:**

O Worship The King

UMH 73 (vss 1,2,5)

***BENEDICTION:**

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You are the source of our life, our wisdom, our healing.

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You give us mercy, grace, and hope.

What you to do with the world, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You are the holy one of God, the savior of the World!

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts!

Amen!

GOING FORTH:

You'll Never Walk Alone
by Rogers and Hammerstein

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

For information about the **Spanish Bible Study** day and time call Pastor Audrey at (630) 670-3580

Good Samaritan Fund. Our Good Samaritan Fund is low. Money in this fund is used to help church members with financial assistance for housing, food and medical bills. If you would like to donate to boost this fund, please put your check in the collection plate. Make sure you put Good Samaritan Fund on the memo line. Your consideration to contribute to this fund is very much appreciated. If you are able, please consider donating to our Good Samaritan Fund this Christmas.

Saturday Kids Club. Every Saturday from 10:30am to 12:45 pm.

The Centennial United Methodist Church Hispanic Ministry will be meeting in homes instead of having the Sunday services. If you know of anyone that is interested in having a Pastor visit, a service or bible study in their home in the Spanish language please let Pastor Audrey know.

Please join us after our Sunday worship service for **Coffee time**. If you would like to volunteer to help setup for coffee time or donate cookies you can sign up at the office reception desk.

Order your free Covid test kits at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

Lent and Holy Week schedule:

- **Ash Wednesday** February 14, 2024. Service begins at 12:15pm. In person only.
- **Palm Sunday** March 24, 2024. Service begins at 10:00am. In person and on Facebook.
- **Good Friday** March 29, 2024. Service begins at 12:15pm. In person and on Facebook.
- **Easter Sunday** March 31, 2024. Service begins at 10:00am. In person and on Facebook.
- **Lenten Soup lunch**, *Sunday Feb 18th and Sunday Mar 10th*. Lunch will begin right after service.

There will be a meeting for the Staff and Nurture Committee together on Wednesday January 31st at 6:30pm to discuss Lent & Holy Season special services and Sunday Soup Lunch. The meeting will be through ZOOM.

Bishop's Day on the District Event: PLEASE JOIN BISHOP DAN SCHWERIN FOR A DAY OF REFLECTION AND CONVERSATION ON YOUR DISTRICT.

CLERGY WILL GATHER WITH THEIR DISTRICT FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 9:30 A.M. WITH THE PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. CONCLUDING WITH LUNCH.

LAITY WILL GATHER WITH THEIR DISTRICT FOR AN EVENING CONVERSATION FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M. Registration is not needed for the laity gathering.

PRAIRIE NORTH - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Clergy event at Freeport: Faith UMC (1440 S. Walnut Ave., Freeport, IL.)*
- Laity event at Freeport: Faith UMC (1440 S. Walnut Ave., Freeport, IL.)*

*Note location change

COME GATHER TO SHARE THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AND LEARN ABOUT THE BISHOP'S VISION FOR OUR CONFERENCE. You are encouraged to join in the gathering for your district, but should the one planned for you district not work for you, any gathering can be attended. Bishop Schwerin looks forward to meeting as many brothers and sisters as possible as he travels through the different districts.

Every Wednesday at noon: Weekly Methodist Liaison Office update and virtual prayer meeting. Participants will hear from a Palestinian speaker and meet in small groups for prayer. Methodists and others from around the world participate. Send an email message to the MLO for instructions on how to join the online meeting.

Laity Convocation, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at First UMC, Belvidere. Theme: "Growing Together in Love: Learning to Have Courageous/Respectful Conversations." Be sure to tell your lay people about this enriching event of learning and making new friends.

Annual Conference 2024 Details: Theme: "I freely and heartily Yield", Sunday, June 16 - Tuesday, June 18, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N Thoreau Dr, Schaumburg, Ill.

Special observances and sessions:

- Clergy session: June 5 (location to be announced)
- Laity session: Sunday early afternoon, June 16
- Ordination and commissioning service: Sunday evening, June 16
- Retirement service: Monday morning, June 17
- Memorial service: Tuesday morning, June 18

Registration Begins on April 3

- April 3 - April 29: Early bird registration \$115/person
- April 30 - May 20: \$130/person
- Note: There will be NO on-site registration

Please note that due to so many cases rising of RSV and other illnesses we ask that you use a mask at your discretion while we are gathered in the church building. If you don't have a mask we have one for you at the church entrance.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Home: *Carol Risenhoover, Carol Waxler, Pat Nelson, Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera.*

BIRTHDAYS

1/24 Eric Brown
1/24 Jasmine Morgan
1/25 Stevie Orlando
1/26 Amber Brown
1/26 Rev. Mario Mayer

Joys and Concerns

Art Huenkemeier sent a note to share with the congregation. This is what the note said: I greatly appreciate the cards, the visits, and especially the “goodies” over this past holiday season. I wish to extend a happy and healthy new year to my Centennial family. — In grateful appreciation, Art Huenkemeier.

Carol Risenhoover requests prayers. She said that her leg has healed very nicely but she’s having other issues that will soon be addressed. Please keep Carol in your prayers.

Erica Kessler is home sick taking medication. She is feeling very tired and weak. It is not Covid but it is keeping her not feeling well and needing to rest. We missed her very much in service. Please keep Erica in your prayers.

Chuck Whitmore requests prayers for Kim his wife who will be seeing the doctor on January 25 to go through a procedure to verify that she has not blood clots. If she has no blood clots she will then be able to be scheduled for her next procedure. Please keep Kim in your prayers.

Janie Kellerman requests prayers for Jan Rungren who fell when she lost her balance as she was letting her dog out. Jan says it seems to be just bruising and she feels pain. Please keep Jan in your prayers.

Marines Delgado shared the joy that her grandson who had tested positive for lead poisoning just recently tested negative for lead in his blood. She gives thanks to God and to everyone for the prayers.

Bev Dahlgren shared that she is thankful for Jose and his brother Angel who are always willing to help on Sundays for service when we need them.

We hope you will worship with us again.

You can call Pastor Audrey if you need any assistance, please contact her at 630.670.3580.

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