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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 11, 2024 – 10:00am
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY- YEAR B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
tune: LAND OF REST
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

He is Exalted

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The mighty one speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. God calls to the heavens and to the earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones."

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

As we live and as God lives,

God will not leave us.

When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

God will not leave us.

When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

God will not leave us.

When the world changes around us,

God will not leave us.

When we long to speak but find no words,

God will not leave us.

When all around us is silent,

God will not leave us.

When faithfulness feels beyond us,

God will not leave us.

As we live and as God lives,

we worship the One who will not leave us.

*OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157 (vss 1.3.5)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

God of life, you never stop shining. Yet sometimes we forget to keep looking. It is not always easy to remember to keep our eyes on you—to watch until you are out of sight, to remember that you are never really out of sight. We long for you, O God, especially when we have wandered away and yearn to come home. Entrust us with a double portion of your Spirit—when we need it most, when we don't even know we need it, when we have no words to ask. Bless us, we pray, and bring us home. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we have turned away and have lost our way—still, God is with us; still, God will not leave us. When we have stopped looking for God—God is still looking for us, shining as brightly as we need, so we can find and be found again . . . and again.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Steal Away to Jesus

UMH 704

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

As God has given us such a great share of blessings, let us share our gifts with God's people.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

His Land
by Ralph Carmichael

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Gracious God, you have given us a double share of your Spirit . . . and even more . . . more than we could ask for or ever repay. You have blessed us with your love and filled our lives with your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

MARK 9:2-9

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter, beginning with the 2nd verse...

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"The Journey of Transformation"
Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

***BENEDICTION:**

People of God, God has shined life into you. You have seen it. Now go and let your lives shine. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

He's Everything To Me
by Ralph Carmichael

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.

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

2/17 Nicholas Berry

2/11 Miriam Jacobson

2/11 Benora Howard Purifoy

2/13 Sandy Rivas

2/15 Carol Waxler

2/16 Carol Risenhoover

Joys and Concerns

Mimi Jacobson shared the joy of having had a CAT scan done and it all came back good.

Joseline John requests prayers for the children in Sudan who are dying due to an illness which she is not sure if its chickenpox. She also shared the joy that Ayden and her had been with the stomach flu last week but are both now feeling well.

Margie Sierra shared the joy that Carol Byers had to go to the hospital and had tests run but the results came back fine. She was sent home to rest. She is feeling much better.

Dave Holland requested prayers for David Castillo who is still not well and needs prayers. He also requested prayers for Ian who has a stomach virus.

Bev Dahlgren requested prayers for Connie who stayed home sick due to stomach issues.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith who is having continuous dizziness.

Pam Sanders' mother's foot is getting better. She is now out of her boot and is able to walk without her walker. What a blessing.

Carol Risenhoover's strength in her arms is continuing to get better. She is still waiting on results from another test. When I receive any information I will sent out another email. Pray that Carol continues to get stronger and hopefully one day she will be able to return to church. We all certainly miss her.

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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