

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**February 18, 2024**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024 – 10:00am

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Give Me Jesus  
*African-American Spiritual*  
*arr. by Anna Laura Page*

## INTROIT:

He is Exalted

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

When clouds threaten, look for signs of light and life: a rainbow, a bird, a gentle rain, the waters of baptism. These gifts of love bring hope and wash us clean.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

**Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.**

Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.

**Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

TFWS 2112

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives. Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust. Shower us with your mercy and grace, that we may embrace the fullness of life and love, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is good.

**All the time.**

And all the time,

**God is good.**

Trust this truth and receive God's gifts  
of mercy and love.

**Amen.**

## 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 symbols of love and signs of hope, let us bring our gifts and offerings to God.

## OFFERTORY:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

CHIMES TRIO  
Erica Kessler  
Jan Rungren  
Janie Kellermann

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Trustworthy and trusting God, thank you for entrusting us with this good earth. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Help us live up to your trust, even as we learn to place our trust in you. Bless the gifts that we share, that they may honor the generosity you have shown us. In trust and gratitude, we pray. 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 1:9-15

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter, beginning with the 9th verse...***

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. <sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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

**SERMON:**

"Christian Faith: Joy and Struggle"  
Pastor Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Hope of the World

UMH 178 (vss 1,2,5)

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to see:

**rainbows in the clouds,**

waters in the desert,

**love in a world of hate.**

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to know.

**GOING FORTH:**

Beautiful Savior (Crusader's Hymn)  
*from Münster Gesangbuch 1677*

Erica Kessler

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**Bulletin:** Lora Doll

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# Announcements

February 18, 2024

## **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.

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.

There will be no staff meeting on Wednesday February 21st, 2024.

Pastor Audrey will be on vacation so on **Sunday February 25th** we will welcome **Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns-Barnhart** who will be sharing the sermon with us. She is a former pastor of Court Street United Methodist Church. It will be an honor to have her with us.



Rev Dr Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart

## **\*\*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**

2/21	Gyl Faeth-Miller	2/24	Mark Renfro
2/21	Roberto Garza	2/24	Cindy Whitmer
2/22	Karla Garza		
2/23	Ava Brown		
2/23	Kim Whitmore		

### **Joys and Concerns**

**Dave Holland** requests prayers for Delovely who had a car accident and is recuperating.

**Gracie Palmer** requests prayers for her family in Sudan.

**Kim Whitmore** requests prayers her family. Chuck got laid off without notice.

**Tara Arencibia** requests prayers for her daughter Dani. She is having health issues and going through a change of medications.

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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