

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 10, 2024 – 10:00am
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus
from William Walker's Southern Harmony (1835)
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Grace is the gift that binds us to God. It protects us, redeems us, restores us, and makes us whole.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of love. Gather us as people of your goodness and grace. Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be strengthened with faith and courage. Gather us as those who are eager to live and to share your goodness and grace. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The goodness of God beckons,
calling us to goodness and grace.

The grace of God redeems,
saving us and making us whole.

The love of God welcomes,
inviting us to worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN:

Living for Jesus

TFWS 2149 (vss 1,2,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Gracious God, lift up our hearts this day, for we long to see your salvation. Lift us up from the pits of sin and sorrow, that we may walk in the light of your love and grace. Create us anew as reflections of your light and as offerings of your grace. For we yearn to bless everyone we meet, even ourselves, in your name. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ Jesus, we are created to do good things. By God's grace, we are able to be good people. In God's goodness, we are created good. In Christ's grace, we are saved by love, that we may love and be loved.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Because He Lives

UMH 364

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 we have been saved by grace for the goodness of all, may we share our gifts of grace for the goodness of God's world.

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):

Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure. Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. 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:

John 3:14-21

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. **21** But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

SERMON:

"Loving The Light"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

O How He Loves You and Me

TFWS 2108

***BENEDICTION:**

Go forth in the light of God's grace. Go forth with the love of Christ's mercy. Go forth with the goodness of the Spirit's generosity.

GOING FORTH:

Let There Be Peace On Earth
by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

March 9, 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:

- **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.

Rockford Urban Ministries' Good Friday Walk for Justice is on March 29. This will be their 35th Annual Good Friday Walk and Stations of the Cross which begins at 9 a.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 412 N. Church St., Rockford, 61103. Rockford Urban Ministries will lead its annual walk from the parking lot of the church to 14 stations, or stops, along the way, and say a prayer at each stop. The walk is free and open to the public.

Most of the stops concern the city's outreach to the poor or those in jail. Other stops include the Public Safety Building, the Federal Building, and the Rockford Public Library. The final stop, Beattie Park, is only one block from the beginning. The walk lasts approximately 75 minutes and takes place rain or shine.

Constance Lane Elementary School requests help in providing some school supplies for the children. They are in great need of the following: 1. Dry Erase Markers and 2. Headphones. They said that they can be from the dollar store

****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

3/14 Rachel Ruiz

3/16 Jennifer Johnson

Joys and Concerns

2-27-24

Malinda (Dougal and Cindy's daughter) had her surgery on her forehead and the doctors were able to remove all the cancer. What a wonderful blessing for Malinda and her family and Dougal and Cindy.

Gary Robb (Marje Doll's brother) passed away this past week. He had a heart transplant several years ago and has been suffering from kidney problems and had been on dialysis a few days a week for a few years. He is now in heaven with our Heavenly Father and is at peace. Please keep Gary's family and Marj and her family in your prayers.

3-3-24

Milka Rivera shared a joy. Her son Nathaniel has been accepted into a program where he will take pilot classes. His dream is to become an airplane pilot.

Pastor Judith requests prayers and shared a concern about the ongoing war in Gaza. She requests prayers that a cease fire may come to fruition so that the people there can get the assistance that they need such as medical attention, and aid to survive.

Cindy Whitmer requests prayers for the McGowan family. Their son went missing and has still not been found. There was a Memorial Service held last weekend and it was very sad to see how the family is very affected and in much sorrow. Prayers that their son can be found.

Marlene Wibom shared the joy of having her daughter Melissa and the surprise visit from her son-in-law this past weekend in celebration of her birthday. She thanks everyone for the birthday greetings and all the kind words she has received.

Grace Palmer requests prayers for two friends who are sick. One of her friends is in Germany and the other one is in Sudan. She also requests prayers for her mother who is also sick.

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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