

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 24, 2024 – 10:00am
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - YEAR B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
from Stralsund Gesängbuch
arr. by Cindy Berry

INTROIT:

HOSANNA

Trio- Pastor Audrey, Shalamar Molina & Janie Kellermann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Ride on, King Jesus. Ride with passion and compassion. Ride in triumph and joy. Ride in humility and gentleness. Ride with us as we travel the journey with you.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times. Guide our steps and keep us close. Inspire our worship with your loving presence and work in our lives, that your Spirit may flow through our lives as we seek to help others walk the journey with you. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

In joy, we gather on this day.

Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.

In remembrance, we gather on this day.

Hosanna to the son of David.

In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

Hosanna to the Son of God.

*OPENING HYMN:

Filled with Excitement/ Mantos y Palmas
(Children parade with palms in celebration)

UMH 279

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet, even ourselves. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's face of love shines upon us. Christ's eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls with mercy and compassion. The Spirit's sustenance offers us grace and hope, that we may rise and walk forth in joy.

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

Give thanks to God, who is faithful and good. Give thanks by sharing your tithes and offerings this day.

OFFERTORY:

THE PALMS
CHIMES TRIO:
Erica Kessler
Jan Rungren
Janie Kellermann

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

We thank you, Christ Jesus, for your steadfast faithfulness and your humble leadership in our world. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may guide others to follow you and walk humbly in your ways. 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 11:1-11

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 11th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly." ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! [a]" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

SERMON:

"A Defining Moment"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

All Glory Laud and Honor

UMH 280 (vss. 1,3,5)

***BENEDICTION:**

Go into God's world, humble and kind.

We will be faithful, courageous, and true.

Go into God's world, gracious and loving.

We will bring Christ's peace to the world.

GOING FORTH:

Must Jesus Bear This Cross Alone?
Based on MAITLAND
arr. by Donna Williams

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.

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:

- **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.

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.

ew Illinois Welcoming Center for NIJFON. Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors is excited to announce their grand opening of their first ever Illinois Welcoming Center in collaboration with Brooke Rd. UMC and the Illinois Department of Human Services. NIJFON will serve local Rockford residents with free immigration legal services, 'Know Your Rights' workshops, and with a growing number of immigration resources. The Illinois Welcoming Center is by the community and for the community and has hired local Rockford residents who represent the population of the Latino and African communities that primarily speak Spanish and Swahili. **Watch the WREX news story.**

UWF April Meeting The next UWF program meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Court Street United Methodist Church. There will be a luncheon starting at 12 noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. The program will begin promptly following the luncheon. The April speaker is the Winnebago County States Attorney J. Hanley. His presentation will be "A Year in Review". Please let Cindy Whitmer know if you will be attending by Friday, March 29, 2024. She will let Court Street how many from Centennial will be attending.

****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

3/24 Joyce Russ
3/25 Christian Berndt
3/26 Emmaly Nelson
3/27 Cynthia Garza
3/30 Matthew Slade

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith who is not feeling well. She continues to struggle with her illness. We send love and prayers.

Tara Arencibia announced that Constance Lane Elementary School is in need of leggings for the girls and sweatpants for both sizes 6-14.

Kim Whitmore asks for prayers for her procedure to control the blood clots from going to her brain. Her surgery is scheduled for this coming Thursday. As long as she doesn't have any clots now she will have the surgery. Prayers for Kim.

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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