

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 19, 2024 – 10:00am

Pentecost Sunday - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Pass It On
by Kurt Kaiser, 1969

INTROIT:

Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

In rushing wind and tongues of fire, the Church is born through the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may our young people see visions and our elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts and send us into the world to spread the good news of your saving love. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

the Church is born.

In courage found and faith renewed . . .

the Church gains strength.

In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

the Church blesses the world.

In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .

the Church leads the way.

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*OPENING HYMN:

I Will Call Upon the Lord

TFWS 2002

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created. When you take away their breath, they return to the earth. Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may sing and rejoice in your presence. Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf, that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others claim your many blessings. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God searches the heart, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ, God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

When the Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our maker and for the blessing of our world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

The Angel Rolled That Stone Away
African-American Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost continue to birth hope for the future and offer blessings for those in need. May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the holy wind and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

ACTS 2:1-13

A reading from Acts...

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Leader: The Word of God
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Pentecost: The Fire of the Spirit”
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

My Hope is Built

UMH 368 (vss 1.2.4)

***BENEDICTION:**

In rushing wind and cleansing fire, go forth in the power of the living God.

We go as children of God.

In courage found and strength renewed, go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.

We go as heirs with Christ.

In visions born and dreams restored, go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go as new creations in the Spirit.

GOING FORTH:

Over The Next Hill We'll Be Home
by Johnny Cash, 1973

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.

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.

New 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.**

On Sunday June 23rd we will have a special prayer for all graduates. If you have a graduate to include in our prayer list please complete a form. The forms will be available in the office beginning the last week of May and they will be due by June 17

****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

5/20 Dalton Williams

5/22 Steve Enderle

5/24 Eugenio Mejia

5/25 Matthew Vails

Joys and Concerns

Dave Holland requests prayers for his sister-in-law Sue who has a lump in her throat that is cancerous but contained. She will undergo a procedure to have it removed. She will soon be without a job which means she will not have insurance. Let's pray that she is able to get insurance.

Pastor Keith lifted up a concern and a prayer request for the mothers in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all places that are in need of relief.

Pat Nelson is at home in hospice. She is in her last days. Her daughter Patricia is caring for her. Let's keep Patricia and family in our prayers during this hard time. Let's also pray for Pat as she says that she is ready to go home to be with the Lord.

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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