

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 16, 2024 – 10:00am

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - FATHER'S DAY - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

The Green Cathedral
by Carl Hahn
arr. by Bruce Carleton

INTROIT:

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

When God sowed the seed of covenant love in Abram and Sarai, God's love extended to their whole family tree—descendants who would be more numerous than the stars in the sky. How many, like us, have found a home within its branches?

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God of covenant love,
we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.
God of incarnate love,
we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.
God of welcoming love,
we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.
God of everlasting love,
we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.

*OPENING HYMN:

Where He Leads Me

UMH 338 (vss 1,2,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions. God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May those who desire to please Christ, find the desires of their hearts.

In Christ, we are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away.

Everything has become new!

Glory to God!

Amen.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398 (vss 1,3.5)

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.

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Loving God, our Lord Jesus Christ called you Father. Remembering his love for you, we pray today for all human fathers. May they be like Abraham, welcoming you with hospitality and laughter and receiving in return a legacy of faith for generations to come. May they rely upon your grace as they answer the call of parenting. And may they show to their children the compassion of Jesus Christ, who responds to human suffering and need with limitless love. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

When it comes to our resources, we build walls of security around ourselves with our money, time, energy and activity. We forget that our true home and our true security is found in God alone. May God transform our heart's desire until our actions align with God's will for our lives.

OFFERTORY:

Children of the Heavenly Father
CHIMES TRIO
Erica Kessler
Jan Rungren
Janie Kellermann

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

This is our heart's desire, loving God, that you would take our money and our time, our prayers and our service, and transform them into the currency of your kingdom. 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:**

LUKE 5:1-11

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Call to Discipleship"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

***BENEDICTION:**

Placing your hands over your hearts, receive the new thing that God is creating within you. Reaching your hands toward your neighbors, bless the new thing that God is creating within them. Reaching your hands toward the world, bless the new thing that God is creating in the world. Amen!

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Solemn Procession
by Denes Agay

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Announcements

June 16, 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.

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

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

Roscoe UMC's VBS: June 17-18, 20-21 (Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday) from 9 am to noon, themed "Start the Party". Volunteer training will be held on June 16 (Sunday) at 11:15 am.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Carol Risenhoover, Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera.*

BIRTHDAYS

6/16 Ivan Hernandez

6/17 Tonesha Jones

6/17 Manuel Rodriguez

6/21 Lacrissa Martinez Luna

6/21 John Ruiz

Joys and Concerns

Dave Holland asks for prayers for his family. His cousin, Diana Hitman, passed away a while ago and her memorial is Saturday June 15. He also asks for prayers for Trisha, Jason and Tek's mother, she's going through a tough time right now. We celebrate the joy of Jolena being home and for her birthday.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith's health. He lifted up the joy that Mexico has elected their first female president which is historic. This week we celebrate the 80th year of the alliance of the west to fight against the injustice and war. We are glad for all the men that fought so bravely to make sure that freedom will continue.

Bev shared the joy that Jose had his High School graduation this past Saturday. He graduated from Jefferson High School.

Let us continue to keep **Ruben Mendoza and family** in our prayers at the loss of wife, mother and grandmother Rosa Mendoza. Funeral details will come when available.

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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