

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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July 7, 2024

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 7, 2024 – 10:00am

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

by J.S. Bach

arr. by Edwin McLean

INTROIT:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Take nothing for the journey of faith. Only then will we truly give God the glory for our success.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Eternal Spirit, you call us to set aside our scheming and place our trust in you alone. You challenge us to take nothing for the journey but our desire to do your will. Teach us once more that your strength is made perfect in weakness, and that your grace is sufficient to meet our every need. With the confidence of little children, we place our lives in your hands this day. For we know that you will be with us every moment of our lives. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rely on God's providential care.

God's grace is sufficient for us.

Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.

We can trust the God of our salvation.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN:

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

TFWS 2158

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Merciful One, we are tired in body and soul. You teach us that your grace is sufficient, but we yearn for something more tangible. You assure us that your strength is made perfect in weakness, but our weakness feels like it is killing us. Give us humble hearts this day, that we may see beyond the surface and behold the grace you hold for us when we rest completely in your care. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's grace is sufficient for us as we take nothing for the journey and place our trust in God. God's power is made perfect in weakness as we see beyond our limitations and seek to do God's will.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Great is the Lord

TFWS 2022

JOYS AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

There Is A Balm In Gilead
African-American Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

You give us everything we need, O God, to build your kingdom. With nothing but your presence and your promise to be with us, your presence in our lives blesses the world. Receive our love and commitment in this morning's gifts and offerings, so that the world may know the healing love of your Son. 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:

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

A reading from Corinthians...

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Grace in the Gaps"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162

***BENEDICTION:**

Go with the blessing of God, our guide and guardian.

We walk without fear to share the realm of God.

Go with the assurance of Christ, who shows us the way.

We have all we need for our journey of faith.

Go with the power of the Spirit, who anoints our way.

We travel in the footsteps of the saints of God.

GOING FORTH:

Count Your Blessings
by Thomas A Dorsey

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.

Cluster events open to everyone:

Christ UMC is hosting a work camp for the youth for senior high and junior high students. The workcamp will be held in the Rockford area, allowing us to partner with various local agencies to serve our community. The dates for the Summer Workcamp are from **Wednesday, July 24th to Sunday, July 28th**. Sunday is traditionally Christ UMC's Workcamp Sunday. Here at Centennial we have four young people that would like to go but they need scholarships. If you can sponsor a youth for this event please let Dave know. It will be a good experience for them. Here are some important details: Dates: * Wednesday, July 24th – Sunday, July 28th. * Cost: \$150 per student (Registration due by Sunday, June 30th) * Included: All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), a T-shirt, fun activity fee (Friday), and a special gift. * Sleeping Accommodations: Christ UMC. * Volunteer Requirement: One adult volunteer is required for every five youths from your church.

Aldersgate UMC's main event is the CORN BOIL on July 28 (Sunday) from noon to 4 pm. They require volunteers for setup, cleanup, and assistance on July 27 (Saturday), 28 (Sunday), and 29 (Monday).

Beth Eden will host Bethlehem Market Place (Living Nativity) on Saturday, December 7th, from 3-7 pm, both in the parking lot and inside the building

****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 Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, Connie Brown.*

BIRTHDAYS

7/7 Misael Rodriguez

7/9 Silvia Duran

Joys and Concerns

Don Robb (Marje Doll's brother) was scheduled to have heart surgery but it was cancelled due to a problem with his lungs. Please pray for Don, his family and Marje and her family.

Connie Brown needs our continued prayers as she awaits more testing. She will receive the results of her tests in a week.

Ismael has to remain in Florida for at least a month as he goes through rehab due to his bout with sepsis. Please pray for Ismael and Tara as they go through this difficult and very scary time.

Margie Sierra's son John needs our continued prayers as he battles his ongoing physical problems.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith who is still not feeling well. We lift up prayers and send good thoughts and love to her.

Dave Holland requests prayers for Forest Nelson and Patricia Pryor (daughter). They are having a hard time with the loss of their mother.

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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