

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**July 21, 2024**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 21, 2024 – 10:00am  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He Touched Me  
*by Bill Gaither, 1963*

## INTROIT:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

The promise of peace cannot be secured through strength of arms but through self-giving love.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**Healer of division, your Son came to abolish enmity and to create one humanity in his name. Unite us with your saints and bring us into the peace of your household, that we might dwell as one family through the one Spirit. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

When you are weary in your bones . . .

**here you will find rest.**

When you are divided from family and friends . . .

**here you will find peace.**

When you are discouraged and downhearted . . .

**here you will find hope and courage.**

When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you . . .

**here you will find succor and peace.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place, for we need your loving care. We need your Spirit to guide us. We need your peace to our divisions. We yearn to abandon old grievances and embrace wholeness in our lives. We long to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. In this, we will find peace. Amen..**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be the dwelling place for the Lord of hosts. In Christ, we become a new humanity, loved and made whole by the Lord of life.

## JOYS AND CONCERN

## 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

From many places and ways of life, God knits us together into a holy community. From strangers, Christ builds us together into a holy temple in the Lord. With thankful hearts, let us be generous as we collect today's offering.

## OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Center Of My Joy  
by William Gaither and Richard Smallwood, 1987

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Bringer of peace, you shaped your people and gave them a home. In gratitude for your steadfast love— for calling us to feed in your pastures and rest safely in your fields— we bring our gifts before you this day. May they offer the love of our shepherd to those in your tender care. 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:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter, beginning with the 25th verse...***

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. <sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

**SERMON:**

"Season of Renewal"  
Rev. Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529 (vss 1.2.5)

**\*BENEDICTION:**

God calls us away to bless us with rest.

**In God, we find peace.**

Our shepherd watches over us day and night.

**In Christ, we dwell secure.**

The Spirit anoints us with holy love.

**In the Spirit, we find healing.**

Go as the beloved household of God.

**GOING FORTH:**

I Will Serve Thee  
*by Bill and Gloria Gaither, 1969*

Erica Kessler

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# Announcements

July 21, 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.

## **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:** *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**

7/24 Mina Ruth Gray

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Sharon** requests prayers for her son-in-law's family. His father committed suicide. Let us keep Jill's husband and family in our prayers.

**Joyce** requests prayers for Heather McClandless Hutchins family. Heather, a former member of our church passed away. There will be a celebration of her life on Thursday, July 18 from 2PM-7PM at Willow Funeral Home 1415 W Algonquin Rd Algonquin/Lake In the Hills. Please keep Heather's family in your prayers.

**Grace Palmer** requests prayers for a friend and family back home in Sudan who were traveling and their car broke down. They had to wait three days for help.

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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