

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**July 28, 2024**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 28, 2024 – 10:00am

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

The Bridge  
*by Elton John*

## INTROIT:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

**May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.**

May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within. May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant! Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Holy One, we come before you with contrite hearts. You know what we've done and left undone. You know who we've betrayed and excluded. Yet you love us still. We do not mean to hurt or cause harm, yet we easily cover up our wrongs. We bow before you in hope and trust that you won't push us away but will draw us home once more into the arms of your never-failing love. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Confessions, whether spoken aloud or acknowledged silently within our hearts, are pleasing to our God. In the name of the Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God for Christ's mercy. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.**



## 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

God's grace is abundant. Wherever we wander, God remains our God. The profoundness of God's love stands in contrast to the harsh judgment of our world. In response to this unfailing love, let us bring our time, talents, and treasures to serve the ministries to which we are called.

## OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Believe  
by Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go— in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below— to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless our gifts, that they may be a blessing. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be filled with your fullness. In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. 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 9:14-17

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter, beginning with the 14th verse...***

**14** Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

**15** Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. **16** "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. **17** Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

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

**SERMON:**

"New Wineskins for New Wine"  
Rev. Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Despite our failure, God redeems us and gives us a name. We belong to God. Go forth into the world, assured and confident that you are claimed by the One who gives life. With all you do, share this grace with all you meet. In all you do, represent Christ's magnificent love. Amen.

**GOING FORTH:**

The Lord's Prayer  
*by Arnold Strals, 1973*  
*arr. by Les Sands*  
*as performed by Sister Janet Mead*

Erica Kessler

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# Announcements

July 28, 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:**

**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).

Rally Day is Saturday, August 24th, 10:00 A. M. At Christ UMC Church, 4509 Highcrest Rd

**END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME THROUGH THE CROP HUNGER WALK.** [CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG/ROCKFORDIL](https://CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG/ROCKFORDIL) The Walk is Sunday, October 20th at the Riverfront Museum Park, 711 N. Main St. in Rockford. Registration 1:00p - Step Off: 2:00pm

**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**

7/29 Janice Rungren

8/2 Jacqueline Berndt

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Tara and Ismael Arencibia** gave thanks to everyone for all their support and prayers as they returned home from their Florida trip where Ismael was hospitalized and put on oxygen and Tara had to be admitted also for a personal condition.

**Grace Palmer** asks for prayers. She had to go to the ER due to extreme pain and they found it was related to her blood pressure. Please keep Gracie in your prayers.

**Chuck Whitmore** gives thanks for his surgery process going well. Even though the recuperation has been painful all is going good. **Kim Whitmore** is still on blood thinners and due to this she has a lot of bruising on her body. Soon she will be able to get off of the medication which causes the bruising. Let us continue to pray for both Chuck and Kim.

**Pastor Judith** requests prayers at this time of elections coming up. Prayers for both political parties during this process. May there be civility, love and hope.

**Sobedia** is asking for prayers for Antonio as he waits on the results of some tests that he had. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

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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