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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024 – 10:00am

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He Hideth My Soul
by William J. Kirkpatrick
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

I Just Came to Praise the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Are you spiritually well-fed? Eat well of the bread of life. Drink your fill of the living water and share this feast with every hungry guest.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Spirit of God, dwell among us and revive us. You know the deep hunger that motivate us, and the attempts we make to satisfy these hungers. You alone know the grace and peace that can nourish us to full strength, in body and soul. Feed us, Bread of Life, with food that lasts. Give enough to share with others who also hunger, even if they know not what they hunger for. We rejoice in your bread, for it truly satisfies. Give us the wisdom to receive it, that we may taste and see your goodness, O Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.

God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus tells us. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

"Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

At the Name of Jesus

UMH 168 (vss 1.2.4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

God of abundance, you long to feed your children, whenever we are hungry. Yet we often turn away and seek happiness elsewhere. When we compete with others for status, help us support one another in love. When we measure our worth by our productivity, help us rest in the assurance that we are your children. When we avoid conflict, move us to speak your truth in love. Return us to your ways, Holy One, that our souls may be satisfied, and our hearts may be at peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ's table is open to all who will join the feast. Come, eat; be loved and forgiven. Then share this good food with all who hunger.
Glory be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

UMH 175

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting
by James Mountain
arr. by Kenon Renfrow

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, you have fed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short but meets us in our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. This we pray, in your blessed name. 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:

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians . . .

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

SERMON:

"Thinking Outside of the Box"
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:**

Precious Name

UMH 536 (vss 1, 2, 4)

***BENEDICTION:**

Stay well-nourished by God's grace and share the bread of life with others. May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forevermore. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Oceans Away
by Elton John

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:

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 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

8/5 Keith Kelsey-Powell

Joys and Concerns

Connie Brown shared that on Friday she had a port put in her body so that they can begin chemotherapy on Monday. Let's keep Connie in our thoughts and prayers.

Tara Arencibia asks for prayers for her daughter Dani who might have lupus.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for our country as we proceed going into elections time.

Chuck Whitmore shared that he went to see his surgeon and the surgeon let him know that all is going well with his recuperation from knee surgery. He had his staples removed.

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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