

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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August 18, 2024

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 18, 2024 – 10:00am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

When I Can Read My Title Clear

by Joseph Lowry

arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

I Just Came to Praise the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

A discerning mind is more to be desired than great wealth or long life. A heart that distinguishes good from evil is more to be sought than earthly power and prestige.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

God's wisdom calls us here.

Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

Christ's love shows us the way.

Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

The Spirit's presence gathers us together.

*OPENING HYMN:

I Want a Principle Within

UMH 410

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We see God's work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God's covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God's instruments in the world, as we collect today's offering.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Follow The Drinkin' Gourd
*African American Song/Directions to access the route of the Underground Railroad
 adapted by Lee Hays of the Weavers*

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. 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:

1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14

A reading from Kings . . .

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

³ Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷ "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

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

SERMON:

"Trusting God in Prayer"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430 (VSS 1,2,3)

***BENEDICTION:**

God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

We go to be a blessing to the world.

God sends us forth to be honest and just.

We go to be a blessing to the world.

Go with God.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Turn! Turn! Turn!
Words from the Book of Ecclesiasties
Music by Pete Seeger of the Weavers

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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.

Welcome Back to Church Sunday Service, September 8. We will share lunch during fellowship time after service.

September Sing-A-Long Sunday, September 29. Put in your request for your favorite hymn. You can write it in a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate.

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

Rockford Urban Ministries presents a documentary movie screening based on the work of sociologist Robert Putnam. Sunday, August 25th at 6pm. Second First Church 318 N Church St. Free tickets! Optional: \$5 pizza dinner. RSVP to rockfordurbanministries@gmail.com. To watch the trailer go to Vimeo and search Official Trailer Join or Die.

Join Rockford Urban Ministries and friends for a special evening celebrating music and community! On August 29th, the same day the casino opens, you're invited to skip the high pressure gambling environment and spend time in a sober space listening to beautiful music and learning about resources that can support people with gambling addictions. Two opportunities to participate in this event: 12pm-1pm, and 6pm-8pm. Everyone is welcome! Email us at rockfordurbanministries@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the lineup and playing a few songs!

Conference and Prairie North District Announcements:

PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2024 LAY ACADEMY. 2 Days, Saturday, October 12 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) 8:00 a.m. Registration. 8:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday, October 13 (1 to 4:30 p.m.) Rockford: Grace UMC, 3555 McFarland Rd, Rockford. Cost \$25 Includes box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee. Deadline for registration: Mon. Oct. 7. Class Options: (one course per academy) All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller. All class times must be attended to receive course credit. The classes are: Sacraments: Means of Grace, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (United Methodist Heritage), Leading Public Prayer and Discover Your Spiritual Gifts.

Unconscious Bias Film Series at Rockford: Grace June 15 – September 23 Optional picnic at 5:15, films begin at 6:30 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, 3555 McFarland Road, Rockford. Each film will be followed by an optional short discussion. As a culminating activity, there will be a guest speaker at 6:30pm on Monday, September 23rd. Childcare will be provided. Reservations encouraged (815)637-4561 or office-graceumcrockford@comcast.net. Learn more: <https://files.constantcontact.com/62925eb8001/18c1ccc2-cf18-44c6-861d-ec8cedfb5468.pdf?rdr=true>.

Aug. 31 & Oct. 26: Academia de Siervos Laicos (Spanish Lay Servant Academy): Version of Lay Servant Academy for Spanish Speakers.

****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

8/20 Brian Jaworowski
8/21 Jennifer Risenhoover Berry
8/22 David Russ
8/23 Terrica Roberts

Joys and Concerns

Dave Holland requests prayers for his wife and grandchildren who are ill. Also, prayers for his sister and the family because she has been diagnosed with early stage of Parkinson's.

Joyce Russ said her daughter-in-law called her to request prayers for her father who is battling cancer. Let us keep them in our 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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