

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**August 25, 2024**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024 – 10:00am

FOURTEENTH 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 Anna Laura Page*

## INTROIT:

I Just Came to Praise the Lord

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

God's light is shining. Christ's love is flowing. The Spirit's presence is here, sustaining and strengthening us.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God is our sun and our shield.

**God's glory shines upon us.**

God is our strength and our hope.

**God's faithfulness guides us.**

God is our hope and our salvation.

**God's love and mercy welcome us.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462 (VSS 1.2.4)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Glorious God of spirit and life, we long to look upon your face and live. We yearn to shine with your glory, despite our tarnished lives. We seek to stand firm and faithful, even when the storms of life threaten us. Lift us up with your mercy, that we may perceive your loving grace. Light our paths with your wisdom and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit, that we may follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our sun and our shield. Christ is the bread of our lives. The Spirit is our strength and our power. In these truths, we are clothed with protection to live with justice, truth, and peace.

## 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

As God has welcomed us, so God invites us to welcome others with generous gifts and heartfelt love. May we share our offerings and gifts in this spirit of generosity and love.

## OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference  
by Bill and Gloria Gaither, 1970

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace. Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples— disciples who share freely with your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. 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:

JOHN 6:56-69

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 6th chapter, beginning with the 56th verse...***

<sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit[a] and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup> "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

**SERMON:**

"Sent Out to Live"  
Rev. Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Led by Christ,  
**we go now to serve.**  
Strengthened by the Spirit,  
**We go to bring justice and peace.**  
Guided by God,  
**we go in God's glory and grace. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH:**

If I Had A Hammer  
*by Lee Hays and Pete Seeger, 1958*

Erica Kessler

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# Announcements

August 18, 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.

**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](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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

8/27 Vincenzo Brown

8/31 Teresa Fandre

8/31 Idan John

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Connie Brown** was exposed to COVID. She has not shown any signs but let us keep her in our prayers.

**Milka Rivera** shared that she will be undergoing surgery on August 22. She requests prayers.

**Joseline John** requests prayers for her friend Alma who is helping to care for a friend's children. Their mother passed away. Prayers requested for Alma and the friend's family. She also requested prayers for Jojo who returns to school this coming Saturday.

**Pastor Keith** requested prayers for all the children who have been left orphaned. Prayers that resources are provided for the help that they need and prayers that consciousness is raised about how much damage war creates.

**Ismael Arencibia** had a stroke and was hospitalized. He went home on Saturday with the medication that he needs. Prayers are requested that he is able to get medical insurance so that he can get the medication that he needs to take.

**Dave Holland** requests prayers for his wife Terry and for his grandson who have been affected with a bad cold and is still affecting their health.



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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