

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 1, 2024 – 10:00am
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Simple Gifts
American Folk Hymn
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

My heart longs to be close to you, O God. May my life and my deeds honor you.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship you. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights—

the moon that waxes and wanes,

the planets that whirl around the sun,

the galaxies that wink from afar.

In the darkness you call out, "Let there be light,"

and the universe is filled with heavenly light.

You are our creator, too,

the One who formed us and who forms us still.

May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life!

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Ever-faithful God, you create each of us to be a presence of healing and love in our world. You equip us to resist intentions and actions that hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we forget your desire for us. Forgive us when we put aside your vision. Remind us of the love and goodness that you have planted within us. Draw our hearts close to you and bless us as we live in your ways. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has chosen to give us new life. This is God's choice, given freely to us, as is every other good gift God has given. Rejoice in this good news!

HYMN OF WORSHIP

My Life Flows On

TFWS 2212 (VSS 1,2,4)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God calls us to a devotion that is pure and faultless. What does such devotion look like? Caring for those in a world with big needs and little hope. Let us give as generously as God has given to us.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Children Of The Heavenly Father
Swedish Hymn
arr. by Anna Laura Page

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your 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 4:10-13

A reading from Philippians...

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Cultivating Contentment"
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:

Hope of the World

UMH 178 (vss 1,2,4)

*BENEDICTION:

The good gifts of God continue to pour out upon us, giving us inspiration and energy for every good act.

May our lives yield a full harvest of goodness and compassion!

Go and be doers of God's word of truth!

May our lives honor God! Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Because He Lives

by Bill and Gloria Gaither

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Announcements

September 1, 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 The Walk is Sunday, October 20th at the Riverfront Museum Park, 711 N. Main St. in Rockford. Registration 1:00p - Step Off: 2:00pm

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:

UMMen Spiritual Congress 2024 "A Thousand Roads – Every Man's Journey of Faith", Sept. 13 - 15, Williams Bay, WI

Leadership Institute 2024, Sept. 25-27, Resurrection, a United Methodist Church, Leawood, KS.

Hispanic/Latine Celebration 2024 Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - Noon, Franklin Park United Methodist Church

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

9/1 Kelly Nelson

9/3 Megan Jaworowski

Joys and Concerns

Laquisha Dixon shared the joy that Terika just had a 16th birthday. She also requests prayers for her mother who has been diagnosed with an early stage of cancer and will have surgery for it this week.

Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell requests prayers for Pastor Judith she has not felt well this week. He also asks for continued prayers for the war that continues in the Mideast. Prayers for peace.

Cindy Whitmer requests prayers for the McGowan family as they continue to grieve the loss of their son even though there is some peace at knowing that the authorities found him and they can put him to rest. Cindy also gave thanks for the prayers for Sandra Stoltz, a former member of Centennial who fell down and hit her head. She was in ICU but is getting better.

Tara Arencibia gave thanks for all the prayers for Ismael who had a stroke but is feeling better. She requests continued prayers for her daughter Dani who is having complications with her health.

Dave Holland requests prayers for Trisha who is having health issues.

We continue to pray for **Connie Brown**.

Sobeida requests prayers for her husband Antonio who was diagnosed with cancer in his blood.

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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