

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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September 8, 2024

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2024 – 10:00am
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

The Peaceful Forest
by Franklin Ritter

INTROIT:

Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Everyone matters or no one matters. Here, everyone matters, and all are welcomed by the love of God.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

We place our trust in you, O God, for your love and faithfulness are steadfast and true. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our worship and your very presence into our lives, that our love and faithfulness may be steadfast and true. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Place your trust in God.

God's faithfulness is unshakeable.

May our worship on this day strengthen our faith.

May our faithfulness be unshakeable.

May our words and actions be good and true.

May we grow in godliness each and every day.

*OPENING HYMN:

Morning Has Broken

UMH 145

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Creator God, you create all people in your image. When we neglect the needs of the poor, raise our commitment to care for others and to help create justice for all. When favoritism and prejudice blind us, and when we exclude and demean others, focus us on your inclusive love, a love that welcomes us and calls us to welcome others. Live in us and through us, that our lives and our actions may reflect your image in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is good

all the time.

And all the time,

God is good.

In God's goodness, we touch goodness.

In God's love, we receive love.

In God's grace and mercy,

we find fellowship with God's people.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

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

God has chosen the poor as heirs of God's kingdom. God calls us to value the needs of this world more highly than we value silver and gold. May our offerings reflect the values to which God calls us.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Ave Verum Corpus
Jesus, Word of God, Incarnate
by W.A. Mozart
arr. by Hugh Livingston

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation, that all may know your presence and live in your grace. 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:

PROVERBS 3:1-10

A reading from Proverbs...

3 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Wisdom Driven Decisions"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

*CLOSING HYMN:

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

TFWS 2140 (vss 1,2,5)

*BENEDICTION:

Go as God's children.

We go as Christ's hands and feet.

Go as God's faithful followers.

We go to live our faith with love in action.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Postlude in C

by Henry Purcell

arr. by Tom Birchwood

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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.

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

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

9/14 Miriam Luna

9/10 Melissa Wibom

9/12 Beverly Dahlgren

9/12 Taylor Sanders

9/13 Miriam Castro-Rodriguez

9/13 Nikeon Purifoy

Joys and Concerns

September 1, 2024

Chuck Whitmore shared a joy, Paige, his daughter, got her license and is now driving her own car.

Tara Arencibia will have a biopsy done on Tuesday. She requests prayers.

Milka shared a joy, her bariatric sleeve surgery went well and she is recuperating well.

Grace Palmer requests prayers for her mother who is in need of care due to her declining health. Her sister is taking care of her but things are not going well back home in Africa. Grace requests prayers for her mother's paperwork that is being processed for her to come live with her in Rockford.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith and her health. Also for Rachel, John and Hersh and all who are mourning due to the war in the Mideast

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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