

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2024 – 10:00am

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

What A Wonderful World

by Weiss and Thiele, 1967

INTROIT:

Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork. What wisdom do we hear? What wisdom do we share?

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

O God, your Wisdom speaks in our streets, cries out from our intersections, and calls our names. Wisdom hopes we will stop . . . listen . . . and learn. Wisdom beseeches us to turn our faces and our ears to you. Wisdom urges us to bless your name with our speaking . . . and our silence. May we speak and bless your name, O God, now and always. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day pours forth speech,

and night declares knowledge of our God.

God's wisdom is written in the stars.

It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

our minds are enriched,

our eyes are enlightened,

our souls are revived,

and our hearts rejoice.

Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

*OPENING HYMN:

Thy Word is a Lamp

UMH 601

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. 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's gifts of wisdom are offered in this moment and in every moment. In gratitude and grace, let us offer our gifts to God.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

O Word of God Incarnate

UMH 598 (vss 1,2,4)

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

Thy Will Be Done
by Edward Broughton, 1981

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

For your holy Word, O God, we give you thanks. For your enduring Wisdom, O God, we give you praise. For your call to speak truth, O God, we give you glory. Grant us the courage to share your gifts, this day and all days. 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 10:11-14, 18-21, 31-32

A reading from Proverbs . . .

¹¹ The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. ¹² Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs. Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of one who has no sense. ¹⁴ The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin. ¹⁸ Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool. ¹⁹ Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues. ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. ²¹ The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of sense. ³¹ From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be silenced. ³² The lips of the righteous know what finds favor, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Words of the Wise"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

*CLOSING HYMN:

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

*BENEDICTION:

People of God, go into the world and speak God's blessing and God's grace in word and action. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Hallelujah

by Leonard Cohen, 1984

arranger undisclosed

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

September 15, 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.

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.

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:

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

Our All Saints Sunday Service will be November 3rd. Please give Lori the name and photo of your loved one by Sunday, October 20th.

Notification that Pledge letters will be going out in October. If you can could you please add a one or two line comment about our #BEUMC information and link? Only if there is enough space.

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>.

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

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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