

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 22, 2024 – 10:00am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

To God Be The Glory
by William Howard Doane
arr. by Cindy Berry

INTROIT:

Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Breathe in and invite the Spirit of Wisdom to fill your soul. Breathe out, recalling the Spirit of Love that connects you with all God's children.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy Stream of Righteousness— as we embrace the dawn of this week and the reemergence of hope in our lives, we sing your praises. As we face the journey before us, we seek your wisdom and your strength. Erase the envy from our minds and the biases from our hearts, as we enter this space. Fill our lives with the refreshing brooks of your peace. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Happy are those who follow the path of righteousness.

We take delight in the wisdom of God.

Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

We find delight in the love of God.

Happy are those who set aside envy.

We draw delight in the selflessness of God.

*OPENING HYMN:

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432 (vss1,4,5)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Divine Source of Understanding, discord rages in the airwaves around us, leading us to challenge your holy wisdom. Confusion swirls within our daily lives, contributing to the discord in our world. Our selfish desires consume our attention, blocking your voice and the needs of others from our view. May your peace still the whirlwind within our minds and help us hear your holy wisdom as we walk our journey of faith. And may kindness spring forth from our tongues, each and every day. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Grace of God can transform our hearts, even amidst a cacophony of noise. The wisdom of God beckons to our souls, revealing our world in a different light. In due season, we will yield the fruit of faith in our adventure with God.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Like a Child

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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

The righteousness of God sets aside bias and jealousy as we welcome the opportunity to care for God's children. Listen to the winds of hope. Look for the light of wisdom. May this light remain steadfast as we seek ways to share our treasures, talents, and time.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Surrender All
by W.S. Weeden
arr. by Phillip Keveren

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Beloved One, with the work of our hands, we create pathways of care. With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share. May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity. 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:**

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the Gospel of Mark...

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, **31** because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." **32** But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. **33** They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" **34** But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. **35** Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." **36** He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37** "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON:

"On the Road"
Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Are Ye Able

UMH 530 (vss. 1,3,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

May divine strength be our clothing. May holy righteousness be our guide. May the wisdom of God usher us on our path. May the Love of Christ yield fields of mercy. May we delight in our adventures with God, each moment of our lives. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
by John Hatton (b. 1710 d. 1793)
arr. by Anna Laura Page

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Announcements

September 22, 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

9/28 Margie Sierra

9/22 Jim Gentry
9/25 Ismael Arencibia
9/25 Rosalinda Salazar
9/25 Jocelyn Saucedo
9/26 Maricruz Trancoso

Joys and Concerns

September 15, 2024

Marjorie Doll requests prayers for her family. Her brother has been put into hospice. This is a very difficult time. Please keep them in your prayers.

We ask for prayers for **Lori Doll** who is home recuperating from COVID. This is her first time getting COVID. Please pray for a quick recovery.

We ask for prayers for **Milka Rivera** who is hospitalized due to not being able to eat or drink anything. As we know Milka recently had the Gastric Sleeve surgery.

Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell requests prayers for the immigrants in Ohio.

We ask for prayers for **Tara** who was taken to the Emergency Room due to low Magnesium which caused chest pains and other symptoms.

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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