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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 6, 2024 – 10:00am

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Cast Your Fate To The Wind

by Vince Guaraldi, 1960

INTROIT:

I Just Came to Praise the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

"What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?" Not angels, to be sure. Just people, the beloved children of God.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Gracious God, through whom all things exist, we are mindful this day of siblings in faith around the world. We rejoice in our oneness with them. We are mindful, too, of those near at hand and those far away— those who suffer from ills and calamities, from wars and disasters. Be present with them and us, we pray— even as you fix our hearts on you and how we might, in faith, respond to the needs of neighbors around the world. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

Help us move in faithfulness.

When tests and trials come—when evil itself appears— we place our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering.

Help us move with integrity.

Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

*OPENING HYMN:

All things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147 (vss 1,3,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

We are conscious this day, O God, of the world's great needs: for love, for caring, for right relationships of all kinds. We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short: the small daily choices and the large systems in society that impede the loving world you envision. Save us from hypocrisy, we pray, and help us find the places your glory abides. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The psalmist says God made humanity but a little lower than the angels. We are, God knows, sometimes not even close to angels at all. Yet, God crowns us with glory and honor. In the name of that Jesus, the perfecter of our salvation, know that you are loved and forgiven. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The psalmist invites us to walk in faithfulness before God. As part of this journey of faithfulness, with thanks for God's wondrous deeds, and in support of the church's ministry in this neighborhood and around the world, let us share our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Autumn
by William Stickles, 1958

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds, bless these gifts in Jesus' name, that they may aid a world of need, near and far. 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:

Matthew 6:25-34

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 6th chapter, beginning with the 25th verse...

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Don't Worry Be Happy"
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:

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130 (vss 1,3,4)

*BENEDICTION:

Go forth, as God gives you strength, blameless and upright, persistent in integrity, trusting without wavering, and confident in God's love. Go in peace. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
by Myrin and Redman

Erica Kessler

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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.

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:

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.

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

10/6 Gaby Berndt

10/6 Irene Rosik

10/7 Grace Palmer

10/8 Tammy Dean Maggio

10/8 Nick Clinkenbeard

Joys and Concerns

September 29, 2024

Marjorie Doll requests prayers for her family. Her brother, Don Robb has gone to be with the Lord. Our prayers for Marj, her family, Don's wife and his family.

Cindy Whitmer has requested prayers for Dougal who will undergo surgery this week. Prayers for Dougal's recovery.

Mimi Jacobson requests prayers for Bruce's recovery from nose surgery. He is able to breath much better now.

Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell requests prayers for Pastor Judith who has a bad cough that won't go away, also for all the people affected by the floods this past week.

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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