

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 9, 2024 – 10:00am

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

by John Hatton

arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Give Thanks

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Unless it is the Lord who builds the house, the builders' work is pointless.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of infinite possibilities, when the world says, "No," you say, "Yes!" The world warns against marrying foreigners, but you transform honest love into a blessing for all people. The world lauds the industry of the rich, but you cherish the sacrifice of the poor. Build us into a household of love and guard the walls of our spirit, that we may remain strong in service to one another. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Build us into a spiritual house, O God, and we will be a holy people.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guards keep watch in vain.

Guard our hearts and minds, that we may walk in your ways.

Unless the Lord is the center of our worship, our words and praise are in vain.

Here and now, Holy One, may we taste eternity.

*OPENING HYMN:

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430 (vss 1,2,3)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Holy Seer, we long to perceive ourselves as you see us. We yearn to look through your eyes and envision who you created us to be. Help us love ourselves, that we may truly love others. Help us give freely from our bounty, that we may rejoice in the gifts of others, even when they seem small by comparison. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even the smallest gift is precious to God when we share what little we have to give. Even the smallest gesture is holy in God's sight when it is offered with great love. Rejoice, God is building us into a spiritual house, a house of infinite worth.

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

With open hearts, let us offer our gifts so that God's purpose may work through our love, just as it did for Naomi and Ruth. May our offering build a spiritual home that stands strong for all people, a place of grace and belonging. Let us give generously, trusting in God's power to multiply our gifts.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

You Alone Are Holy/Solo Tu Eres Santo
music composed anonymously

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Free our hearts, gracious God, that your great purposes may work through our love, as they did for Naomi and Ruth before us. Multiply our gifts, Holy One, that all people may be built into a spiritual house— a house that no one can bring down. 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 12:38-44

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter, beginning with the 38th verse...

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, **39** and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. **40** They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely." **41** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. **42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. **43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. **44** They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Out of Their Abundance"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549 (vss 1,3,6)

***BENEDICTION:**

May God build you into a spiritual house to be a shelter for those in need. Become a fortress housing God's Spirit. Touch the hearts of those you meet and heal the world. Go with God's blessing.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

I Am His, And He Is Mine

by James Mountain

arr. by Johnie Dean

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Announcements

November 9, 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.

Sunday, November 17 - Stewardship and Sing-A-Long Sunday. Please bring all your pledges on this day.

Sunday, November 24 Thanksgiving Service - Rev. Sara Hong and Pastor Audrey will be doing a pulpit exchange this Sunday. Rev. Sara Hong will be preaching at Centennial United Methodist Church on this Sunday.

Sunday, December 1st, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens Sunday service. JOIN US AS WE BEGIN ADVENT AND CELEBRATE "THE HANGING OF THE GREENS" Join us as we decorate for the season. There's something for everyone to do.

Our Church Conference has been confirmed by DS Rev Hwa-Young's office for Sunday, December 8, 2024 beginning SPRC meeting with DS at 12:30pm and the Church Conference beginning at 1:00pm.

District events:

FLOW, a district-wide event for the youth in our Prairie North District. Event Overview: Dinner: Cheese, Sausage, and Pepperoni Pizza (Water provided) Trampoline Park (FLOW): 1.5 hours of jumping fun

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: FLOW (5505 E State St, Rockford, IL 61108)

Cost: FREE (Sponsored by Prairie North District and Christ UMC)

Target Audience: Youth in grades 6–12

Registration Deadline: November 6, 2024 FLOW Night on Nov.13 from 6pm to 8pm

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Jennifer Martin, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, Connie Kim.*

BIRTHDAYS

11/10 Jong Kim

11/14 Connie Kim

Joys and Concerns

November 3, 2024

Pam Sanders requested prayers for Connie Kim who is not feeling well. Prayers that she gets well soon.

Tara Arencibia was in the ER due to pneumonia. She has been discharged but let's keep her in our prayers.

Sharon Sodergren shared the joy of receiving her 23rd and 24th great-grandbabies. They are in good health and their mother too.

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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