

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**November 17, 2024**

**CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**November 17, 2024 – 10:00am**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Year B - STEWARDSHIP -SING-A-LONG SUNDAY**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**GATHERING MUSIC:**

Erica Kessler

They Will Know We Are Christians  
TFWS 2223 (vss 1,2)

**INTROIT:**

Give Thanks

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING WORDS**

How great is our God? Great enough to hold us when we fall down. Great enough to love us when we feel unlovable. Great enough to sustain and strengthen us all the days of our lives.

**OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):**

**Great and mighty God, open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the wisdom of your Word. Help us run the race of life with faithful perseverance and with steadfast love. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We approach the God of grace and glory,  
**who has called us to worship this day.**

We arrive from the chaos of our world  
**into the clarity of God's presence.**

We leave the struggles of our lives  
**to embrace the power of God's love.**

May this hour bring us courage  
**and a time to strengthen our faith.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH 327 (vss 1,3,4)

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):**

**Gracious God, hear the anguish of our hearts. Comfort us when our souls feel barren, shriveled, and lifeless. Strengthen us when we feel lost and alone. Heal us when we hurt and misuse ourselves and others. Guide us into your strong arms of love, that we may receive your gracious mercy and rest in your powerful love. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hold onto hope, for God is faithful and true. The promise of love is ours, through the grace of Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

## HYMN OF WORSHIP

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

## 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 hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts and treasures to share with those in need of God's love.

## OFFERTORY:

O Jesus, I Have Promised

CHIMES TRIO

Erica Kessler

Jan Rungren

Janie Kellermann

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR THE COMMITMENT OF PLEDGES

**Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life- giving: These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as best as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, living sacrifice to you. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

*(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:4-6

***A reading from Samuel...***

<sup>4</sup> Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

Living For Jesus

TFWS 2149 (vs 1)

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:7-9

***A reading from Samuel...***

<sup>7</sup> This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

## HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400 (vs 1)

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:10-12

***A reading from Samuel...***

<sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." <sup>12</sup> As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451 (vs 1)

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:13-17

*A reading from Samuel...*

<sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk  
<sup>14</sup> and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup> "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." <sup>17</sup> Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH 347 (vs 1)

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:18-20

*A reading from Samuel...*

<sup>18</sup> She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. <sup>19</sup> Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140 (vs 1)

SERMON:

"Blessed Beyond Measure"

**Rev. Audrey Rochet**

\*CLOSING HYMN:

It Is Well

UMH 377 (vss 1,3,4)

\*BENEDICTION:

Go into the world with hope.

**We will shine with God's glory and grace.**

Courageously face the struggles and joys of each day.

**We will embrace the power of God's love.**

Go forth in courage and faith.

**We will bring God's love to the world.**

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Why Me, Lord?

*by Kris Kristofferson*

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## Announcements

November 17, 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.

**Mission and Outreach** would like to again this year ask our members to support our outreach to Constance Lane Elementary, by making donations of socks, and underwear, for children ages 5-10. A basket will be available at church for your donations. If you are unable to shop, but would like to participate in this outreach, you can make a donation by writing a check to Centennial, and write Constance Lane on the memo line and someone will shop for you. Could you please have your donations to the church by Dec. 8, 2024? Thank you

**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.**

## **\*\*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**

11/17 Adriana LeBeau

11/17 Leah Sanders

11/21 Sandra Henderson Stoltz

## **Joys and Concerns**

**November 10, 2024**

**Dave Holland** requests prayers for April Joyner who had surgery last Thursday and is recovering.

**Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell** thanks everyone for the cards and gifts on Pastor appreciation day to him and Pastor Judith. He requests prayers for Pastor Judith who had planned to be in service but did not feel well enough to come. Pastor Keith asks for continued prayers for our nation and the world. For justice and peace for all.

We celebrate **Connie and Jong Kim** who both have birthdays this week.

**Connie Kim** requests prayers. She will have a CAT Scan this Monday.

Please keep **Doug Herriott** in prayer. He had a fall and injured his rib and muscles. He has bruising and a lot of pain.

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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