

# Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 24, 2024 – 10:00am

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY - THANKSGIVING SERVICE - YEAR B

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He Hideth My Soul  
*by William J. Kirkpatrick*  
*arr. by Mark Hayes*

## INTROIT:

Give Thanks

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF REV. SARA H. HONG

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

All human leaders will one day disappoint and fail us. Divine kingship alone is faithful.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**Sovereign God, you clothe your people in the garments of salvation, and you bless them with grace and peace. Open our eyes to the glory of your Son, who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness. Open our ears to the sound of his voice, and open our hearts to love as he loves, that we might shine like dew on the grass. and dwell in Christ's peace. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

When leaders disappoint and fail us,  
**turn to Christ, who is always faithful.**  
When deceitful words appeal to our baser instincts,  
**hearken to Christ and the clarion call of our better an**  
When charlatans seek our allegiance,  
**hold fast to Christ, our rightful Lord and King.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Mighty God, you are the bedrock of our lives and the source of our wisdom and strength. When we lose our way, help us follow your guidance and embrace your rule in our lives. When we build our lives on shifting sand, fix our gaze on Christ's kingdom, that we might build our future on the solid foundation of Christ, our rock and our cornerstone. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promise of faithful love to King David and his descendants is fulfilled through Christ. Christ' kingship is faithful, abounding in steadfast love.

## HYMN OF WORSHIP

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS 2270

## 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 Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the one who was and is and is to come, invites us to share our blessings with others, as we collect our tithes and offerings.

## OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

There Is A Balm In Gilead  
*African-American Spiritual*

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Strong One of Israel, you bless our lives with splendor: sunlight sparkling on the water, dew on the grass, trees etched against the night sky. May our gifts and offerings reflect our gratitude for the wonder you bring to our lives. And may those who receive these gifts come to know your bounty and the glory of your kingdom. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE OFFERING

**Almighty and forgiving God, we your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, U.S.A., 1928 p.19, ALT.)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON:

*A reading from the book of Psalm chapter 100 and the letter to the Colossians chapter 1 verses 3 to 6...*

Psalm 100

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his[a]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Colossians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Leader: The Word of God  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON:

"Life of Gratitude"  
**Rev. Sara H. Hong**

## \*CLOSING HYMN:

When We Are Living

UMH 356 (vss 1,2,4)

## \*BENEDICTION:

The Mighty One of Israel is faithful.

**God's promises are sure.**

The rock of our salvation is strong and true.

**Christ's kingdom never ends.**

The Spirit guides and guards us.

**The Spirit's love leads us home.**

## GOING FORTH:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
*by Martin Luther, circa 1529*  
*arr. by Johnie Dean*

Erica Kessler



## **Bio for Rev. Sarah H. Hong**

Pastor Sarah H. Hong loves swimming, walking and romantic comedies. Before she came to Aldersgate, she served churches in Minooka, New Lenox and Dixon (Illinois), Atlanta, GA, and New York City. Pastor Sarah was ordained in 2010 in the Northern Illinois Conference. She has attended more than 25 mission trips all around North America including Yucatan, Mexico 4 times. Pastor Sarah is passionate about bringing new people to Jesus Christ and having fun activities for all ages. Pastor Sarah is married to Pastor Caleb of Christ UMC (Rockford). They have two young adult daughters, Lydia and Abigail. Pastor Sarah received a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

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# Announcements

November 24, 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, 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.**

## **\*\*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**

11/25 Nathanel Rivera

11/27 Milka Rivera

11/28 Joseline John

## **Joys and Concerns**

**November 17, 2024**

**Joyce Russ** requests prayers for her grade school friend Devon who fell and broke her pelvis.

**Grace Palmer** requests prayers for her uncle who lost his wife. She recently had a baby who is now with Grace's younger sister. Please keep them and the baby in prayer because there is a request from the baby's mother's family asking for money in order for the baby to stay with them.

**Tara Arencibia** shared the joy that Ismael has found a part time job. He will start in two weeks. She also asked for prayer to find a new apartment that is affordable to them.

**Chuck Whitmore** shared that Kim had her biannual appointment with her doctor and she had to be admitted due to some heart issue but she will be dismissed this Sunday because she is doing better.

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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