

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 26, 2025 – 10:00am
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

'Til The Storm Passes By
By Mosie Lister

INTROIT:

Jesus, Name Above All Names

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The joy of the Lord is our strength. The Word of God is our joy.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn to what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: succor to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the heavens—the whisper of the land and roar of the seas, the prayer of the caterpillar and song of the flea. Speak to us through the fullness of creation, we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

What voices speak without words or speech?

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

We listen but do not understand.

The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

*OPENING HYMN:

We are One in Christ Jesus

TFWS 2229 {X2}

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Merciful God, as we seek to know your ways, may we be more ready to receive the gifts of others than to trumpet the gifts we have received. Lay your call to Christian unity on our hearts, as we listen to your precepts and seek to live them each day. As the heavens proclaim your praise, and the day and the night reveal your truth, open our hearts to those who need our care. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the words of Nehemiah: “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Together we serve

TFWS 2175 (vss 1,3,4)

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

Beloved, as we gather in the spirit of worship, let us reflect on the words of the prayer that guide us today:

“God of our ancestors, Caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love.”

These words remind us that we are part of a sacred lineage—called to honor God’s blessings and participate in Christ’s ongoing mission. Our gifts today are an expression of gratitude for God’s abundant grace and a reflection of our shared commitment to live lives of love. Through this offering, we answer the call to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. May the gifts we bring be a sign of hope and a promise to walk faithfully in the way of Christ.

Let us give generously, knowing that through our collective generosity, we embody God’s holy work in the world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

O Lord Most Holy

CHIMES TRIO

Erica Kessler

Jan Rungren

Janie Kellermann

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God of our ancestors, Caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love. May the gifts we bring before you this day honor the many ways you bless this church. And may our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love, as we continue Jesus’ mission to bring good new to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Dave Holland

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 12:12-19, 27

A reading from Corinthians...

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Being Present Where It Matters Most”
Rev. Audrey Rochet

*CLOSING HYMN:

They’ll Know We Are Christians

TFWS 2223 (vss 1,2,3)

*BENEDICTION:

In one Spirit, we perceive the glory of God proclaimed in the heavens above.

Spirit, make us one.

In one faith, we have been nurtured through the precepts of the living Lord.

Christ, make us one.

In one great love, we have been saved.

God, make us one.

Go with the blessing of God, that all might be one.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

My Lord, What A Morning!
African-American Spiritual
arr. by William Farley Smith

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Announcements

January 26, 2025

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.

Ash Wednesday service March 5, 2025 at 12:15PM.

Holy Week 2025 service dates and times: **Palm Sunday**, April 13, 2025 @ 10AM; **Maundy Thursday Service**, April 17, 2025 @ 12:15PM; **Good Friday Service**, April 18, 2025 @ 12:115PM; **Easter Sunday** April 20, 2025 @10AM.

Lent Soup Lunch Sundays will be March 9 and April 13 (second Sunday of each month). The Lent Soup Lunch will be right after service.

Staff, Nurture & Outreach Committee meeting on February 5, 2025, to plan the Lent Soup Lunch Sundays.

Prairie North Leadership Training 2025 Saturday, January 25, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Harmony UMC in Freeport, 2600 W Pearl City Road.

Clergy and Laity Zoom Meetings with DS Hwa-Young. Clergy Zoom Gathering, Tuesday, January 28, 10 a.m. Laity Zoom Gathering, Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Under the theme "Grace is Sufficient," clergy and elected lay members will gather for **Northern Illinois Conference's 186th session**, June 9-11, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL.

PRAIRIE NORTH MISSION TRIP TO TANZANIA, DATES: AUGUST 11-25 Cost: \$2000 plus airfare (airfare will be about \$2000) Location: Global Mission Secondary School (Rev. Young-Seon Kim's site) in Tanzania. Activities: One week at the school leading a weeklong summer school (VBS style). Several days of travel (potentially including a safari trip). Ages: Those entering high school in 2025 and up (for youth, a parent must register together) Group size: 25 people. Team Leaders: District Lay Leader Kris Aves, Rev. T.K. Lee, and Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong. Orientation meeting: Thursday, January 30, 7 p.m., via Zoom. Register for the Orientation meeting.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Aida DeJesus, Marlene Wibom*

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

BIRTHDAYS

1/26 Amber Brown

1/26 Rev. Mario Mayer

1/28 Marines Delgado

Joys and Concerns

1-19-25

Dave Holland requests prayers for his friend Nannette who is recovering from a procedure.

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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