

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 9, 2025 – 10:00am

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring

by J.S. Bach

arr. by Edwin McLean

INTROIT:

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The voice of God calls us this day. Christ beckons us to leave our old lives behind. Will we heed? Will we follow?

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, is as unfathomable as the deep, as alluring as the night sky. When all seems lost, call us from the wreckage of our lives. Grant us the ability and the will to hear your call and bless us with the grace to embrace your promised salvation. Help us face our fears, that we might remain sure-footed on our journey of faith. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

We are here to answer God's call.

The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

We are here to answer Christ's call.

The voice of Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

We are here. Send us, we pray!

*OPENING HYMN:

Take Time to be Holy

UMH 395 (VSS 1,3,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Almighty God, we are a people of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips. We are more accustomed to spreading gossip than we are to singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Yet, we long to be made new and whole this day. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us and call us to follow you once more. As the disciples left their fishing boats, may we leave the comfort of familiar shores. Work through us in the power of your Son, that all people might be brought to your glory. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news, our names have been written in the book of life. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Open our Eyes, Lord

TFWS 2086 (X2)

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 full of love, let us bring our gifts before God as an act of praise and gratitude. May these offerings be blessed and used to carry God's holy presence to the places and people who need it most. Let us give joyfully and faithfully. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

The Green Cathedral
Chimes Trio
Erica Kessler
Jan Rungren
Janie Kellermann

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

With hearts full of love, may our spirits sing your praise. As we bring our offering before you this day, bless us and our gifts, that we may bring your holy presence where it is needed most in your world. 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")

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

Matthew 6:19-21

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 6th chapter, beginning with the 19th verse...

- 19** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Where Your Heart Is There Is Your Treasure"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

***BENEDICTION:**

Do not fear the turbulent waters of faith.

Christ is with us in the boat.

Do not avoid the dangers of the deep.

God is with us on the journey.

Do not doubt your ability to reach the lost.

The Spirit blesses us with a bountiful catch.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

He's Everything To Me
by Ralph Carmichael

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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.

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 12, 2025, to plan the Lent Soup Lunch Sundays.

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

2/15 Carol Waxler

2/9 Laquisha Dixon

2/9 Veronica Gomez

2/11 Miriam Jacobson

2/11 Benora Howard Purifoy

2/13 Sandy Rivas

Joys and Concerns

2-2-25

Dave Holland requests continued prayers for his friend Nannette, who is recovering from pancreatic surgery. The good news is that no cancer was found.

Marlene Wibom had a fall and required stitches. Prayers for her healing and well-being.

Tara Arencibia requests prayers as she prepares for foot surgery. She also asks for prayers for a co-worker whose house burned down.

Bev Dahlgren provided an update on her husband Ken's health following the lung biopsy. His lung is slowly healing from the procedure. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Pam Sanders requests prayers for Connie as she returns to the doctor to discuss whether she will continue chemotherapy. She also asks for prayers for her friend Lori Johnson's father, who is in the hospital undergoing testing.

Janie Kellermann requests prayers for her sister, whose dementia is progressing. She also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, who fell and is now in the hospital.

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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