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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 16, 2025 – 10:00am
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Morning Mood
by Edvard Grieg

INTROIT:

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Blessed are those who trust the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like trees planted by water, sending out their roots by the stream. They shall not cease to bear fruit.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts. Lead us, again, O God, into your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Happy are those who delight in God's ways,

who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God's love.

In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace.

*OPENING HYMN:

I Want a Principle Within

UMH 410

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

God of Mercy, whose presence is ever-living, make us whole. Lay your path before us, for we are easily confused, distracted, blown off course, and lost. In the arid places of our lives— the seasons when our hearts starve and our souls are parched and dry— lead us to your living waters and the nourishment of your ever-flowing streams. Plant us and center us in the core of your mercy, that we might soak up your grace and touch the fullness of your Life, this day and all days. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In every impoverished place, every season of greatest longing, God is with us. In every instance of confusion or conundrum when we cannot find our way, God comes to be our guide. For every moment when our hearts hunger, when our souls thirst and our minds and bodies cry out, God plants us by streams of grace. God overcomes our pain, until there is only life, only love, only joy. Amen.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Jesus calls Us

UMH 398 (vss 1,4,5)

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

God has satisfied the hunger of both our bodies and our souls. Let us share our gifts with all God's creation, that weeping may turn to laughter, and struggle may turn to joy.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Lament from Capriccio - (Describing the departure of his beloved brother)
by Johann Sebastian Bach

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish all who have need. 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:**

Luke 6:17-22

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter, beginning with the 17th verse...

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, **18** who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, **19** and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. **20** Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. **22** Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"When Adversity Becomes a Strength"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

O Young and Fearless Prophet

UMH 444 (vss 1,3,5)

***BENEDICTION:**

People of God, blessed are you. Go into the world, following the living God— this day and all days. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Bridge Over Troubled Water
by Paul Simon
arr. by Denes Agay

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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.

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

2/16 Carol Risenhoover

2/17 Nicholas Berry

2/21 Gyl Faeth-Miller

2/21 Roberto Garza

2/22 Karla Garza

Joys and Concerns

2-9-25

Carol Risenhoover requests prayers for her friend Diana, who recently lost her husband and is currently recovering from the flu.

Dave Holland requests prayers for Jolena as she is away at college, focusing on her studies.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for Pastor Judith's return from her visit to her sister in Arizona. Also, prayers for our country and the court officials as they make their decisions for our future.

We also ask for prayers for **Idan** who has a cold.

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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