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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2, 2025 – 10:00am
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Heavenly Sunlight
by George Harrison Cook
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

He is Exalted

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

As God's glory shone in and through Christ Jesus, may God's glory shine in and through us with the beauty and grace of Christ's love.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of glory and power, pour out your Holy Spirit on us today. Reveal to us your wisdom and guidance. Manifest through us your Spirit of glorious grace and love. And make your loving presence known to all, through the ministries of your church. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ has called us here,

inviting us to offer praise and prayer.

May Christ's presence be revealed in this time,

showing us the way to go.

May Christ's glory shine into our worship,

that Christ's glory may shine in our lives.

*OPENING HYMN:

You Alone are Holy

TFWS 2077 (vss 1,2)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of your glory and power. Strengthen our courage, that we might look upon your love and stop shrinking away in fear. Embolden us to trust your grace, no matter how grave our transgressions or ashamed our hearts may be. Shine upon us with your mercy, that we may shine for all to see. Grant us confidence in both your grace and your abundant love. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By God's mercy, we are redeemed and renewed to shine with the love of Christ. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Here O My Lord, I See Thee

UMH 623 (vss 1,3,5)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Glorious God calls us to share in shining light into the world. As we present our gifts, may they, along with our lives, bless others and reveal God's boundless love. Let us give in gratitude and faith. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Count Your Blessings From The Lord Each Day
by Thomas Dorsey

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Glorious God, shine through this offering we now return to you. May our gifts and our very lives bless your world and reveal your love. In gratitude, 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:

Luke 9:28-36

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter, beginning with the 28th verse...

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Transfiguration Sunday: Living in the Glow of Change"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN:

Be Thou My Vision

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*BENEDICTION:

Go forth to shine with God's light and love.

We'll shine joyously for all to see.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Why Me?
by Kris Kristofferson

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Announcements

March 2, 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.

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.*

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

BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Jesus Cruz

3/2 Steven Gomez

3/2 Marlene Wibom

3/5 Karina Salazar

3/5 Jennifer Teasdale

3/6

3/9

Maggie Orlando Mehren

Olivia Stone

Joys and Concerns

2/23/2025

Janie Kellermann is requesting prayers following the passing of her brother-in-law this past Sunday. She also asks for prayers for her sister Ruthie, who is living with dementia, and for the entire family as they navigate the difficult decisions involved in her care. May God grant them strength, wisdom, and peace during this challenging time.

Tara Arencibia is scheduled for an ankle joint replacement surgery and to have two tendons repaired. There will be at least a 6 months healing process. Please keep Tara and Ismael in your prayers.

Bev Dahlgren's husband Ken is able to breathe better and to do a few things. Please pray he will continue on this good path.

Carol Risenhoover requests prayers for her family as they return from Jamaica from her daughter's wedding.

Grace Palmer requests prayers for herself and her family. She has not been feeling well with stomach issues and her sister and family have also been sick.

We continue to lift up our nation in prayer, asking for wisdom and guidance for our leaders at all levels as they navigate these challenging times. We also pray for all federal workers who have lost their jobs, that they may find strength, provision, and new opportunities.

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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