

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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**March 9, 2025**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 9, 2025 – 10:00am  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Ukrainian National Anthem (Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished)  
*by Mykhailo Verbytsky*  
*arr. by Jason Toniol*

## INTROIT

He is exalted

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

God is our refuge and strength, our companion and guide. Leaning into this truth helps us find our way through difficult seasons of our lives.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome home, beloved children of God!

**Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.**

Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

**Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.**

Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

**we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

Faith is Patience in the Night

TFWS 2211

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward, when we are tired beyond words. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Shepherding God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray AMEN**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who call on God's name are saved. We can rest assured in this promise. Amen and amen.

## HYMN OF WORSHIP

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

## 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

As the ancient Hebrews were called to offer the first fruit of the harvest, so we are called to offer our gifts of gratitude to God. May God move in our hearts and minds, as we give generously, gratefully, and joyfully.

## OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Because He Lives  
*by Bill and Gloria Gaither*

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving. You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing. With grateful hearts, 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 6:1-8, 16-18

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 6th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...***

<sup>1</sup>“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>16</sup>“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON:**

“Faith in Action”

Rev. Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452 (vss 1,2,3)

**\*BENEDICTION:**

With God as our guide, we go into the world. With Christ as our companion,  
**we go strengthened for the journey,**  
and led with love.

**GOING FORTH:**

Erica Kessler

Evermore  
by Alan Menken  
arr. by Dan Coates

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# Announcements

March 9, 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.

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**

3/9 Olivia Stone

3/14 Rachel Ruiz

## **Joys and Concerns**

3/9/2025

**Art Huenkemeier** is now on hospice care. His niece has communicated that he requests no visitors for now. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Sharon Sodergren's son in law Terry Vails** mother has passed away. Please keep Terry & Jill and their family in your prayers.

After 8 months of job searching and interviews **Marj Doll's daughter Mary** has a new job. Congratulations Mary, we are so happy for you.

**Jolena** has broken the 200 meter race record. We are so proud of you.

Let us continue to pray for our country and for all who are suffering around the world. We lift up those who have lost jobs, parents struggling to feed their children, and families facing hardship. Let us pray for peace and justice, remembering especially those who lack food, shelter, and basic necessities. May God's mercy sustain them, and may we be instruments of His love and provision.

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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