

# **Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church**

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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025 – 10:00am  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Sweet By and By  
*by Joseph P. Webster*  
*arr by Mark Hayes*

## INTROIT

He is exalted

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

Rejoice and be glad. In Christ, we are made new. In God, steadfast love guides us home.

## OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

**God of ages past and present faithfulness, welcome us into your love, as we worship you this day. Draw closer to us, that we might trust your promises and follow your ways. In hope and faith, we pray. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all ye faithful . . .

**to worship, praise, and pray.**

Come, all ye unfaithful . . .

**for God's love welcomes us home.**

Come into the presence of Christ . . .

**for Christ's grace makes us new and whole.**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

His Eye is On the Sparrow

TFWS 2146 vss 1,2,3)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

**Father-Mother God, welcome us home when we wander afar. Restore us with your compassion and love. Transform us with your miraculous grace, that we might become the new creations you envision us to be. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might offer others the same welcome, grace, and love that you have offered us. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Everything old has passed away. In Christ, you are a new creation, full of mercy and grace.

**In Christ, you are a new creation, full of mercy and grace.**

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

In gratitude for all that God has done for us and as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, let us share our gifts with God and God's world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Be Thou My Vision

*Traditional Irish Melody*

*harmonized by Carlton Young, 1963 for the Methodist Hymnal*

\*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**With glad hearts, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Transform them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may bring forth new life. May our offering transform others' lives into the new creation you promise to all. 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 15: 1-3, 11-32

***A reading from Luke...***

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him! <sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON:**

"Reaching the Found"  
Dave Holland

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

UMH 160 vss 1,3,5

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Created anew in Christ,

**we go to proclaim new life to the world.**

Transformed by God's love and grace,

**we go to bring love and grace to all.**

**GOING FORTH:**

Erica Kessler

Over The Rainbow  
*by Harburg and Arlen, 1939*

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# Announcements

March 30, 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.

We will meet for Bible Study on Tuesdays at noon (12:00pm) through ZOOM, as this seems to be the best day for everyone. Our first session will be on April 8th. We will study Embracing Life (Spring 2025), the Adult Bible Study book. It is available in Paperback or eBook format for \$15.99. You can order the book individually or all together. Pastor Audrey can place the order. Alternatively, Amazon and Christianbook.com offer the eBook version for \$9.99. The original group, now called Bible Explorers, will continue to meet on Wednesdays at noon. This class will be with Pastor Judith. Pastor Audrey will lead the Bible Study on Tuesdays.

Our Lenten Soup Lunch will be held on Sunday, April 13 (the second Sunday in April), immediately following the service. A sign-up sheet for soup or bread is available on the office counter.

We are invited to join with Beth Eden United Methodist Church for their Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 3:00pm. They will provide soup and salad. They ask that Centennial contribute desserts.

## **\*\*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**

3/30 Matthew Slade

4/1 Drew Brown

4/1 Douglas Herriott

4/3 Tyler Vails

## **Joys and Concerns**

3/23/2025

Please join us in prayer for **Bev Dahlgren** who was not feeling well and went to the ER on Sunday.

Please pray for **Marlene Wibom**, who is recovering from Pneumonia at home. She welcomes prayer.

**Joseline John** requests prayers for Ashley Russell's family. Ashley and her baby passed away. The family needs prayers.

**Tara Arencibia** requests prayers as she has a surgery date scheduled for April 28.

**Pam Sanders** asks for continued prayers for her friend Laurie Johnson and her father, Wayne Thoren, who was discharged from the hospital.

**Jeff Palmer** requests prayers for his wife, Grace, who had to go to the ER. Her tests came back negative but she is still not feeling well.

**Pastor Keith** requests continued prayers for our world and for Pope Francis who has been discharged from 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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