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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 13, 2025 – 10:00am
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

What Wondrous Love Is This?
from Southern Harmony
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT

How Great is Our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Foundation of our faith, your Son humbled himself on the back of a colt. Then he entered Jerusalem in lowly estate to bring joy to the hearts of children. Forsaking his place at your side, Jesus emptied himself of prestige and power to become a servant to all. On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more, that we too may dance with the children— for to such belong the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus is the rock of our salvation.

But the builders rejected that rock.

Jesus is the gate of righteousness.

But so many consider him a fraud.

Jesus has become the cornerstone of our lives.

Shall we enter his gate of righteousness?

Yes! Let us worship the Lord

*OPENING HYMN:

Filled With Excitement

UMH 279 VSS 1

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Abiding Spirit, your love meets us in our need. On this Palm Sunday celebration, we yearn to be free of doubt healed of our weaknesses, and freed from our denials and betrayals. Correct our wayward feet and our fickle hearts, for we long to walk in your ways, lest we stumble and fall in times of trial. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ has opened the gates of righteousness and beckons us to walk through. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our salvation.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH 277 (vss 1,2,3)

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 gratitude for God's generous Spirit and Christ's gift of love, let us bring our offerings as a token of thanks. May these gifts honor the love that makes us whole and serve as a blessing to others. Let us give with grateful hearts. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Love To Tell The Story
arr. by Mark Elsworth

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit We praise you for Christ's gift of self, and your never-failing love. For your many gifts, we thank you. For walking with us in our weakness, we praise you. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us— a love that makes us well and whole. 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 19:28-40

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter, beginning with the 28th verse...

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **30** "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" **32** Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They replied, "The Lord needs it." **35** They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. **36** As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. **37** When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: **38** "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" **39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" **40** "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Reflecting on the Passion of Christ"

Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

All Glory Laud and Honor

UMH 280 (vss 1,3,5)

***BENEDICTION:**

This is the day that the Lord has made. As we go forth from this place, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

How Can I Keep From Singing

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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.

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.

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.

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

4/13 Coulson Brown

4/16 Erica Kessler

4/16 Doris Mejia

4/17 Ana Maria Solis

Joys and Concerns

4/6/2025

Tara Arencibia requests prayers for the approval of her dissability process and for her upcoming surgery. She also requests prayers for her husband, Ismael, who is suffering from a pinched nerve.

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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