

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 11, 2025 – 10:00am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Am Bound For The Promised Land
from William Walker's Southern Harmony
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

In this world of trials, tribulations, dangers, and death, our loving God watches over us, as a mother bear watches over her cubs. Our Lord walks with us, as a loving companion cares for her beloved. Our savior makes us lie down in green pastures, as a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The God of love and grace invites us in.

Blessed be the God of love!

The God of power and might welcomes us here.

Glory to God on high!

The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

*OPENING HYMN:

Guide Me O Though Great Jehovah

UMH 127 vss 1,2,3

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

God of love and grace, we yearn for a world where love and grace guide our steps and bless our days. We dream of families and communities led by love and guided by grace. Yet, division, danger, and death interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives. Comfort us in our sorrow. Heal us in our troubles. Protect us in this dangerous world. Unify us with your love and grace, that we might offer your abundant love and amazing grace, everywhere we go. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In God's love, we are held. In Christ's grace, we are forgiven. In the Spirit's power, we are strengthened. Give thanks for these marvelous gifts.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

UMH 629 vss 1,2,5

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

On this day we gather with eager hearts, hungry for your Word, yearning for the joy you promise in love. O God, together we hold a vision of your kingdom, a people of prayer and open hearts, a loving Body of Christ eager to learn and eager to share. You bless us, O God, and shine upon us with the mercy of your salvation. And your Good Earth has yielded its increase through those who have brought us great blessing. On this day of celebrating your love, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers. May your blessing pour out upon the woman who gave us birth, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for you have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children. We call forth your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. And so, we lift to you our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world.

We bless our mothers on this day, no matter what they have done or left undone. We do this because we believe in your healing, and we believe in your love and we believe that you love every mother, good or bad; and we stand together with all mothers in solidarity, for we all are in need of your grace. Where we have failed because we did not know better, help us to forgive ourselves. Where we have seen your face in any woman who has been to us a mother, in her face we have seen your light and your love and we give thanks -- for where they have loved, they have kept your word and blessed us.

We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched her child die of hunger, every mother who had been a victim of abuse, every woman who stands in protest a world that massacres her children and renames them "collateral damage." We lift to you the prayer of every mother who has ever loved and lost. We lift to you our Mother Earth. We bring to you our Mother Church. We lift to you, O God, your mother's heart; and although we cannot fully express our gratitude, help each one of us to be your blessing of love, a blessing straight from your heart. Amen.

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 we prepare for this time of offering, may God open our hearts with love and touch our lives with generosity.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

He Touched Me
by Bill and Gloria Gaither

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, 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:

John 4:7-14

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 4th chapter, beginning with the 7th verse...

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Springs of Living Water"
Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130 vss1,3,4

***BENEDICTION:**

Blessed by God,
may we bless the world in the week ahead.
Loved by Christ,
may we love others, in all we say and do.
Empowered by the Spirit,
may we follow faithfully where God leads.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Turn! Turn! Turn!
*Words from the book of Ecclesiastes
adaptation and music by Pete Seeger*

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

Tuesdays Bible Study

with Pastor Audrey at noon (12:00pm) through 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.

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.

SKC is looking for a director. Anyone interested please contact Carol Risenhoover. They are also seeking volunteers to help with cooking and shopping.

We thank Rev. Carolyn Lukasick of Rockton United Methodist Church for donating the Bunny suit and eggs to our children's ministry.

Pentecost Sunday - June 8 Wear red! We invite everyone to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost! Red is the color of Pentecost, symbolizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the disciples on that sacred day. Join us in this joyful celebration as we remember the birth of the Church and the Spirit that continues to move among us.

Graduate Recognition Sunday – June 22 We will be offering a special prayer and recognition for our graduates on Sunday, June 22. If you, a loved one, or someone you know is graduating this year, please fill out a Graduate Information Form so we can honor them during the service. Forms are available in the office, and we kindly ask that they be submitted by June 9.

Youth Workcamp - July 23–27 Our youth have a wonderful opportunity to take part in the District Youth Workcamp again this year, happening July 23–27. This meaningful event allows our young people to serve others, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships. The cost is \$150 per youth, with some financial assistance being provided by the conference. We are currently seeking sponsors to help support 6 to 9 youth who are eager to attend.

If you feel called to encourage and invest in the next generation, please consider sponsoring a youth or contributing toward their expenses. Every gift makes a difference! For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact Dave Holland. We are also in need of adult volunteers. So if you or someone you know would like to volunteer please let Dave know.

****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.*

BIRTHDAYS

5/11	Reynaldo Barrera	5/12	Antonio Serrano
5/11	Rocio Barrera	5/15	Marjorie Doll
5/11	Robert Brown	5/15	Isabella Doll Jaycox
5/12	Samantha Claire Kinsey	5/15	Brian Harrington
5/12	Allison Renfro	5/15	Laura Johnson
		5/15	Peter Orlando

Joys and Concerns

5/4/2025

Dave Holland requests prayers for Javon, who was attacked by four boys at school and required stitches.

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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