

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 18, 2025 – 10:00am
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Deep River
African-American Spiritual

INTROIT

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

They will know we are Christians by our love.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. You love us like a mother and protect us like a father. You restore our lives and claim us as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another, as you have loved us. Amen

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

*OPENING HYMN:

Take My Life and Let it Be

UMH 399 vss1,2,3

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Train our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see. For we yearn to love without prejudice and accept others without judgment. Make your home among us, for we long to be made one and whole. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who made heaven and earth is with us, bringing love and life. The Lord our God is among us now, renewing us in faithful love.

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

If we truly believed God dwells among us, would we live differently? Would we love differently? Would we give differently? Truly I tell you, God dwells among us even now. Let us share our faith and our love accordingly, as we collect this morning's offering.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Gentle Shepherd
by Bill and Gloria Gaither

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness, if only we would learn to love, as you have loved us. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to love one another well. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Ephesians 4:20-24

A reading from Ephesians...

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“New Mercies Every Morning: Trusting God’s Daily Renewal”
Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Lord I Want To Be A Christian

UMH 402 VSS 1,2,4

***BENEDICTION:**

Christ has given us a new commandment.

We will love one another well.

God guides us to love the stranger.

We will love one another well.

The Spirit blesses with a new vision.

We will love one another well.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
by James M. Black

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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.

Visit Beth Eden UMC and Christ UMC for Sunday service: As we continue exploring the possibility of merging with another church, we'll be visiting the two congregations we're considering. To help us in this discernment process, we plan to attend a Sunday service at each church in the coming weeks.

Sunday May 25, 2025 we will visit Beth Eden UMC at 10:00 am. Their address is 3201 Huffman Blvd., Rockford IL 61103. If you want to attend their Sunday School it is at 9:00 am.

Sunday June 22, 2025 we will visit Christ UMC at 10:00 am. Their address is 4509 Highcrest Rd, Rockford IL 61107. There will not be a Sunday service held at Centennial UMC on those two Sundays. To watch the service online you can go to their website at <https://christumc.cc/watch-online>.

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 29, 2025 NOTE: WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE.

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 16th.

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

5/18 Margaret Green
5/18 Jonathon Saucedo
5/20 Dalton Williams
5/22 Steve Enderle
5/24 Eugenio Mejia

Joys and Concerns

5/11/2025

Joseline John requests prayers for her sister, who will be graduating next week from Rock Valley College and is currently finishing her final exams.

Bev Dahlgren requests prayers for Lou Gustafson who had emergency surgery on Friday for a hernia. He is in a semi-coma and still in critical care.

Dave Holland requests prayers for his sister, Bev who has early stages of Parkinson's.

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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