

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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June 1, 2025

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 1, 2025 – 10:00am
ASCENSION SUNDAY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

'Tis A Gift To Be Simple
Shaker Melody
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

God's glory is seen, not just in the heavens, but in our everyday lives.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence. Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others. Shine through our world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

God's glory is all around.

Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

God's glory is in each of us.

*OPENING HYMN:

They'll Know We Are Christians

TFWS 2223 vss 1,2,4

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

From the demons that haunt our lives, deliver us. From the self-judgment and shame that dim the light within us, save us. From the hurts and sorrows that harm us, heal us. Cover us with your comfort, grace, and love, that we may shine with your glory and grace. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let the thirsty come. For in Christ's grace, we receive the water of life. In God's mercy, we receive forgiveness and love.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

When We Are Living

UMH 356 vss 1,2,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Come! Let those who hear respond. Let those who respond offer the water of God's grace and love to a thirsty world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

For The Beauty Of The Earth
by Conrad Kocher
arr. by Mark Ellsworth

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Glorious God, as we dedicate these gifts to you, may we shine with your glory and grace. Shine through these gifts and through our very lives, that others may experience the beauty of your love and the power of your presence. 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 17:20-26

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 17th chapter, beginning with the 20th verse...

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— **23** I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. **25** "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. **26** I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Becoming One"
Rev. Audrey Rochet

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN:

Bless Be The Tie That Binds

UMH 557 VSS 1,3, 4

*BENEDICTION:

In the glory of God, go forth to shine with love. Go forth to shine with peace. Go forth to shine with hope for the world. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

If I Had A Hammer
by Lee Hayes and Pete Seeger

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Announcements

June 1, 2025

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

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 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.

NEW UMC Vision Statement Release: The United Methodist Bishops, in collaboration with other church leaders, have made public a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church that has been years in the making.

The vision states:

“The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.”

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Jennifer Martin, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, .*

BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Annie Herriott
5/25	Matthew Vails
6/3	Craig Brown
5/26	Pamela Herriott
6/6	Bruce Jacobson
5/29	Karen Russ
5/31	Jolena John
6/1	Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

Joys and Concerns

May 18, 2025

Tara Arencibia requests prayers for her grandson Decklan. He will undergo surgery. She also requests prayers for her niece who is graduating on Saturday.

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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