

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 15, 2025 – 10:00am

TRINITY SUNDAY - FATHER'S DAY - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing
Music from John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music
arr. by Phillip Keveren

INTROIT

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Wisdom calls across the ages. Our ancestors in faith heard and responded. By hearing and responding to the Wisdom of the Ages, we meet God as Father, Son and Spirit in worship this day.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God our Potter, God who becomes clay, God who shapes us in the fire, we are made new in your presence. We come seeking your wisdom, crying out our concerns, needing your peace. Use this time to form us as community, connected through your breath, life, and hope that propels us as your body in the world. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,
who loves us with an everlasting love,
as a father loves his children;
who gathers us together from the north and the south, the east and the west;
who leads us beside quiet streams,
and shows us the way we should go.
(based on Jeremiah 31)

*OPENING HYMN:

This is My Father's World

UMH 144 VSS 1,2,3

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

O Living God, Sovereign of the universe, in love you have made us, in love you sustain us day by day. We adore you. You are the Father who protects us and provides for us; the Son, who lived and died and rose again in our midst; the Spirit, who moves amongst us with energy, like the wind. You are all these, and you are still beyond our hope, our dream. O Living God, as we think of your greatness, we feel very small, and weak, and fragile. As we think of your loving concern for all people, we want to tell you how hard life has been for us. As we think of your forgiveness and mercy, we know we have not always been as loving as we might be. But you welcome us and you accept us, with a kindness like arms opened wide. Help us to feel the warmth of your understanding love, and to know ourselves held in your friendship for ever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends and family of Christ, the Holy Spirit remains our counselor, our advocate, and our comforter. Jesus Christ has restored all life to God. In our faith, we are justified and made whole.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92 vss 1,4,5

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.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Lord of all creation, each day we are surrounded by the beauty of your blessings—gifts seen and unseen, simple and profound. With hearts full of gratitude, we now bring our offerings—humble tokens of all that you've entrusted to us. As we give, we ask you to pour out your Spirit upon these gifts. Multiply them, magnify them, and use them for your divine purposes, so that through our giving, your love may reach far and wide. May this act of generosity be a reflection of our faith, and a testimony to the world of the living, triune God we serve. Let us give with joy.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Last Spring
by Edvard Grieg
arr. by Denes Agay

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Lord of all creation, we celebrate the beauty of your blessings each day. With gratitude, we offer you these humble gifts. Pour your spirit upon our tokens and magnify them for your purposes, that the world may come to know the triune God. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Psalm 8

A reading from Psalm...

¹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. ² Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? ⁵ You have made them[d] a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Knowing God: His Power, Love, and Faithfulness"

Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140 VSS 1,2,3

***BENEDICTION:**

Go, now, in the blessing of the Triune God who creates all things, redeems all things, and sustains all things so that we may live out the glory of God's abundance and peace with one another and all creation. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Let There Be Peace On Earth

by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson - 1955

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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

Saturday Kids Club. Every Saturday from 10:30am to 12:45 pm.

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>.

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.”

Rockford's 4th of July parade – We are invited to participate in a combined United Methodist Church congregations parade float in Rockford's 4th of July parade. The parade lineup time is 4 pm in downtown Rockford. Further instructions to follow. The parade requires all entries to have patriotic colors and decorations.)

There will be a postcard-size handout printed with each church's name, address, service time, social media site, and another line to add something else.

Please bring bags of candy. We are allowed to hand out candy and flyers, but we can't throw them from the float. Donations of candy can be brought to the church. See Pastor Audrey when you bring them.

We will not have a group t-shirt, but we can wear our polo shirts/T-shirts from our congregation.

****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

6/21 John Ruiz

6/15 Malinda Johnson Lee

6/16 Ivan Hernandez

6/17 Tonesha Jones

6/17 Manuel Rodriguez

6/21 Lacrisa Martinez Luna

Joys and Concerns

6/8/2025

Let us continue to keep **Glenda Schimetz, Jeff Schimetz's wife**, in our prayers. She was recently in the hospital but has now been discharged and is home with medication to manage her diagnosed condition. May God bring her healing, comfort, and strength during this time.

Let's continue to keep **Mike Russ, the son of Joyce Russ**, in our prayers. He underwent surgery this past week for prostate cancer. We pray for his healing, strength, and full recovery

Joyce Russ requests prayers for Donita Johnson's family. Danta was a longtime friend of Joyce and has recently passed away. May God bring comfort and peace to the family during this time of loss and may the memories of their friendship be a source of solace for Joyce as well.

Pam Sanders asks for prayers for Lori Johnson and her family, whose 92-year-old father, Wayne, has passed away. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday. May God grant Lori and the entire family comfort, peace, and strength as they grieve and gather to honor his life.

Pastor Keith requests prayers for our country and the world, especially for the young and innocent, including babies in Gaza, Ukraine, and many other places, who are suffering without food, shelter, or basic care. Let us lift all who are in pain and distress. He also asks for prayers for our leaders and leaders across the globe, that hearts hardened by conflict or indifference may be softened by compassion, wisdom, and a desire for peace. May God's mercy and justice prevail.

Milka Rivera requests prayers as she is experiencing weakness due to hypoglycemia. The doctors say she may have vertigo. She will undergo testing. Let us lift her in prayer for renewed strength, stability in her health, and God's healing presence to surround her during this time.

Joseline John requests prayers for her stepfather Jeff Palmer who is experiencing kidney issues. He recently passed kidney stones and will be undergoing further testing for other symptoms in July, including a CT scan. Let us pray for relief from pain, clarity in diagnosis, and God's healing hand to be upon him throughout this process.

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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