

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 29, 2025 – 10:00am

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica KesslerThe

Peaceful Forest
by Franklin Ritter

INTROIT

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

When Elijah was about to be taken from him, Elisha asked for a double portion of his spirit. May we too recognize our need and have the courage to ask for what we need to do our ministries.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Holy One, the waters tremble and the skies open. Your voice rumbles with thunder, flashes with lightning, and crashes with waves as the earth shakes. And yet, there is peace in your voice. You trouble the waters of our spirits, even as you soothe the struggles of our souls. Your footprints guide our way— unseen by human eyes, but always visible to our hearts. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We will call to mind the works of the Lord,
and remember God's wonders of old.
In times of trouble, we cry out to God,
longing for our souls to be comforted.
When our spirits are weary,
we reach for God's arms.
Even when we don't feel courageous,
we need to receive God's peace.
Keeping God's deeds in mind,
we carry them in our hearts.
For God's ways are holy,
and God's grace is great.

*OPENING HYMN:

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430 vss 1,2,4

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

God of our lives, we set our sights on you. For you know where you are going, and long for us to follow. It is not easy to keep our eyes upon you, God, and watch until the end. We often look away and maintain our denial, just a little longer. But denial never serves us. It is truth we need; courage and strength we desire. Enough to face this day and the next . . . enough to stay with you as you stay with us . . . enough to inherit your Spirit, the whole of it and a double share as well . . . enough to follow you to the end . . . and beyond. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus says, "Follow me." When we stay with him, he always stays with us. God places the Spirit upon us and within us, trusting us to watch and follow. The Holy One calls us to reach out our hands and receive God's mantle of leadership. Believing that we can, we will.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Make Me A Channel

TFWS 2171 vss 1,2,3,4

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

God has given us a calling and equipped us with an abundant share of God's own Spirit—gifts to use and to share.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

*The Lord's Prayer
by Arnold Strals
as sung by Sister Janet Mead*

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Gracious God, you have put your Spirit within us and laid your mantle upon us. These are gifts we could never earn and can never repay. Yet we are filled with your love, joy, patience, peace, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And so we offer them all to you, grateful to pass them on to your people and to your world. 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:

Galatians 5:22-26

A reading from Galatians...

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

"The Fruit of the Spirit in Our Everyday Walk"
Pastor Audrey Rochet

NAMING THE GRADUATES



2025 Graduates



- Evan Lee Alonzo** Nephew & Godson of Pastor Audrey Rochet. Graduated with a diploma from PMSA - Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy. Will be attending University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) to become an International Business Major.
- Brandon Delgadillo** 2nd Cousin of Pastor Audrey Rochet graduated from Mesa Arizona High School. Will be attending Mesa Community College for a business degree.
- Idan Hernandez** Son of Joseline John and Ivan Hernandez completed school at Cherry Valley Elementary. Will attend the Gifted Academy at Thurgood Marshall Middle School in the fall.
- Gwen Hesslbacher** Granddaughter of Cindy & Dougal Whitmer received an Associates degree from Northeast Iowa Community College. Plans to finish her four year degree at UW Platteville working to become an Elementary Education Teacher.
- Julie Samuel John** Daughter of Grace & Jeff Palmer and sister of Joseline John. Graduated May 16, 2025 from Rock Valley College with an Associate of Science degree. Plans to attend NIU working toward a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Andrea Karras** Daughter of Cindy & Dougal Whitmer Completed a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Mount Mary College Milwaukee. Plans to continue her 30 year Occupational Therapy career. Andrea currently works in the Menomonee Falls School District in Wisconsin. Upon retirement, she wants to teach new OT students.
- Ryder Sanders** Grandson of Pam Sanders completed Kindergarten at Whitehead Elementary School.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Gracious and Loving God,

Today we lift up before You all the graduates. We thank You for guiding them through seasons of study, challenge, growth, and perseverance. You have been their strength when the load was heavy and their joy when the milestones were reached. Lord, as they step into this next chapter—whether it be further education, work, service, or unknown paths—we ask that You go before them. Surround them with Your presence and fill them with courage, even when the way is unclear. Grant them wisdom to make faithful decisions, compassion to serve others, and humility to continue learning. Let them remember that their identity is not found in titles, diplomas, or achievements, but in being Your beloved children. Bless their minds, their hands, and their hearts. May their lives reflect Your light in this world, and may they always know the support and prayers of their church family. In the name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN:

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549 vss 1,2,3

*BENEDICTION:

People of God, the mantle of God's love and mercy is upon you. Carry it with you, as you go and serve. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

You'll Never Walk Alone

by Richard Rogers, 1945

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Announcements

June 29, 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.

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

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 – Rockford's 4th of July parade – The United Methodist Churches of Rockford are walking together in the 4th of July parade! To join the group, please wear a red, white, or blue shirt and arrive downtown between 4 and 4:30pm at 7th Street and 5th Avenue. Look for a banner that says “United Methodist Churches of Rockford.” If you can bring a bag of candy or donate one to a walker before Friday, that would be great! Let us know if you will need a seat to ride rather than walk. We will be passing out postcards inviting people to worship with us - please keep the event in prayer! Pastor Violet Johnicker's cell: 847-651-4857.

Additional info for participants:

You will be in Division 2 West, Unit #s 1 and 2. You are to line up on the west side of 7th St on 5th Ave. Approach your line up position from 6th Street, DO NOT attempt to come down 7th St. Line up begins at 4:00 pm with the main body leaving at 5:00 pm.

We will also have an Ad Board meeting. The date will be announced.

On Sunday, August 3, 2025, our Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to stay after the service for a meeting to discuss our visit to Beth Eden UMC and Christ UMC. We welcome your questions and feedback.

****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, Carol Risenhoover.*

BIRTHDAYS

6/23 Makayla Ruiz
6/26 Lisa Doll
7/3 Curtis Kellermann
7/5 Oscar Torres
7/5 Chelsea Vails

Joys and Concerns

6/15/2025

Joseline John requests prayers for her niece's friend who was in a car accident. In the other vehicle was a pregnant woman who tragically lost her life. Please pray for the grieving family and all those affected.

Beverly Dahlgren asks for prayers for Tara Arencibia, who is currently suffering from what doctors believe to be vertigo.

Pastor Keith requests continued prayers for our government, our country, and the world, for wisdom, peace, and guidance for our leaders and all the leaders around the globe.

Kim Whitmore requests prayers for the Hispanic community as they face a very difficult time. Please pray for their protection and safety during ongoing protests.

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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