

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 6, 2025 – 10:45am

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - 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

How Great is Our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The Kingdom of God has come near. Draw near to God.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Challenging God, you send us out like lambs among wolves, then ask us to be peaceful and gentle. Help us hear and obey your call to follow Jesus, even if we must surrender our reputations and rules we hold dear. May we learn and live the path of the cross, restoring one another and bearing one another's burdens, as we discover your gift of becoming new creations in Christ. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

All are welcome here. Whether you are heavy-hearted, wondering if there is power to make you well, or feel weighed down by many demands,

The kingdom of God has come near.

Whether you are burdened by rules others have imposed or you are a keeper and maker of rules,

The kingdom of God has come near.

Whether you feel at home in this place or you long to be accepted,

The kingdom of God has come near.

Come and worship God, the One who writes our names in the book of life and dares us to be become new creations in Jesus.

The kingdom of God has come near.

*OPENING HYMN:

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549 vss 1,2,3

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Today we celebrate Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit with power and purpose. Just as the early believers shared all they had, we too are called to give generously. Let us offer our gifts with joyful hearts, trusting the Spirit to use them to bring hope, healing, and life to the world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

by Louis Hartsough

arr. by Johnie Dean

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, you share your kingdom with all humanity, drawing closer to us than our very breath. May our offering this day support your holy work, and may all come to know that your kingdom has truly come near. Amen

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Peaceful and merciful God, you promise that your Kingdom is within our reach. Yet we are often distracted by disagreements, demands, requirements, and rejections. Have mercy O Lord; be our helper. As we seek to follow Jesus, our rules and offences can separate us. Help us to refrain from deepening our divisions, and empower us to restore one another, fulfilling Christ's command to love. Have mercy O Lord; be our helper. You promise us victory over all that threatens to separate us from your presence. Help us forsake earthly power and victory, as we strive for the love your kingdom brings. Have mercy O Lord; be our helper. We ask for your grace to become more like Jesus, letting go of fleeting rewards of earthly status and recognition. Help us seek instead the eternal reward of resting in your loving arms. Have mercy O Lord; be our helper. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, God hears us and has mercy. God turns our wailing into dancing and our deepest regrets in our greatest joys. **O Lord, our hearts sing to you. We give you thanks forever.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Bind Us Together, Lord

TFWS 2226

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Romans 12:10-13

A reading from Romans...

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **¹¹** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **¹²** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **¹³** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Love In Action"
Pastor 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:

In Remembrance of Me

TFWS 2254 vss 1,2,3

*BENEDICTION:

May the Lord of the harvest, who sent the disciples out as ambassadors for Christ, send you out to proclaim that the kingdom of God has drawn near. May Jesus Christ, who gave authority to heal and to resist evil, bless you with the knowledge that your names are written in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who gives you the power to persevere, send you to care for one another, sowing seeds of the Spirit and reaping the harvest of eternal life.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
by Martin Luther
arr. by Johnie Dean

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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.

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.”

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

Sunday Morning Schedule

You're warmly invited to join us this Sunday!

Fellowship Time begins at 10:00 AM — come enjoy coffee, conversation, and community.

Worship Service follows at 10:45 AM — a time to lift our hearts in praise, prayer, and the Word.

Art Huenkemeier's Celebration of Life service will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Visitation will be at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. The location is Aldersgate UMC, 4055 N Rockton Ave, Rockford IL 61103.

****PRAYER LIST****

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

7/6 Cheri Johnson
7/7 Misael Rodriguez
7/9 Silvia Duran

Joys and Concerns

6/29/2025

Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell – Requests prayers for our country, for all who are suffering, and for the injustices present in our world.

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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