

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 27, 2025 – 10:45 am

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica KesslerThe A

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
from Stralsund Gesangbuch
arr. by Cindy Berry

INTROIT

How Great is Our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

In our asking and in our seeking, let us find strength and growth from the root of our lives, Christ Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Sustaining God, grant us our basic needs. Where there is hunger, give us bread. Where there is homelessness, give us shelter. Where there is loneliness, give us friendship. Where we have wronged another, guide us into reconciliation. And where we have been wronged, lead us on the journey of forgiveness. Save in times of trial, and lead us in the Way of life. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Before we even knock,

Christ opens the doors and invites us in.

Before we even ask,

God knows our every need.

Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

for the Spirit has called us here.

*OPENING HYMN:

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419 vss 1,2,3

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We have been gifted and loved generously by God. In turn, may we share our gifts and love through God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

The Peaceful Forest
by Franklin Ritter

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God of love and justice, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that you have given us. As we share these gifts with you, bless them and our ministries, that they may bring love and justice to your world. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Grow in our lives, Christ Jesus. Make our hearts larger with each gift of your grace. Make our spirits stronger with each moment of your mercy. As you fill our lives with your presence, fill our hearts with your love, that we might grow into your likeness. As we grow in your love, may we give our love and grace as freely as you have generously given your love to us. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the grace of Christ, we are connected to God's love, both now and forevermore. Amen.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540 vss 1,2,3

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.

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 12:2

A reading from Romans . . .

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!!

SERMON:

"More than A Label"
Pastor Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153 vss 1,3,4

***BENEDICTION:**

Rooted in Christ, grow in faith and love. Growing in love and faith, give these blessings to the world.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Cast Your Fate To The Wind
by Vince Guaraldi

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Announcements

July 27, 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.

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.

Prairie North District Merger Workshop - Please save your date on Saturday August 2nd 9am to noon for the “Prairie North District Merger Workshop” at Christ UMC, Rockford. (4509 Highcrest Rd., Rockford).

Aldersgate UMC: You Are Invited! You Are Invited! to our 2025 Annual Corn Boil at Aldersgate United Methodist Church \$10 per person** (ages 13 & up) \$5 (ages 5-12) FREE (4 & under) July 27, 2025 Hours: Noon - 3:30pm All-You-Can-Eat Corn, One Hot Dog*, One Dessert, One Water, Pop, or Coffee*

NIC Conference: Help Needed on New Committees. Legislation at Annual Conference created two new Committees: the Committee on Creation Care and the Committee on Inclusion. The Nominations Committee is now seeking individuals interested in joining. We'd like to invite you to fill out the form or share it with anyone you think will be a helpful addition. Please complete a volunteer form.

As we continue exploring the possibility of merging with another church, we will be visiting other congregations. To support us in this discernment process, we plan to attend Sunday services at various churches over the coming weeks.

Sunday August 17, 2025 we will visit Grace United Methodist Church at 10:00 am. Their address is 3555 McFarland Rd, Rockford IL 61114. The pastor is Rev. Sejoon Jang.

There will not be a Sunday service held at Centennial UMC on that Sunday. To watch the service online you can go to their website at:

<https://graceumcrockford.org/online-worship>.

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**Winnebago United Methodist
Church Welcomes Everyone!
A NIGHT OF Fellowship
& Great Music!**

**Our Free Concert Is being
Held At The Barn
At 8019 E. McGregor Road
Saturday August 9, At 6:00
Bring Your Chair!**

ALLELUIA QUARTET



****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows:

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

7/29 Janice Rungren

8/2 Jacqueline Berndt

Joys and Concerns

7/20/2025

Pastor Keith reminds us to continue praying for our country and the world. Let us not be anxious, but instead bring our concerns to the Lord in prayer.

Beverly Dahlgren asks for prayers for Tara and Ismael Arencibia, who are both experiencing flu symptoms.

Cindy and Dougal Whitmer request prayers for Mason, who is leaving on a school trip to Italy and Greece. Please pray for safe travels for Mason, his classmates, and their teachers. They also ask for prayers for their daughter Andrea, who is undergoing a stress test due to chest and back pain.

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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