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PASSIONATE WORSHIP

A person with their arms outstretched stands on a rocky cliff overlooking a vast, hazy landscape under a bright, hazy sky. The person is wearing a red shirt and dark pants. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a bright sky.

October 4, 2020

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4th, 2020 – 10:00am – Facebook, YouTube, and ZOOM

World Communion Sunday: Year A

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty God, your word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise. You speak, and our hearts rejoice. You command, and our eyes are opened. The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls. Your words are purer than the finest gold. True and righteous one, living Word, light our way. As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength, and our redeemer. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

People: We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Leader: Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ

People: We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Leader: Be healed by God's gracious mercy

People: We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness

Leader: In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia, Praise be to God. AMEN.

HYMN:

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Worship & Song 3176

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for our lives. We know what you want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: God, who has never strayed from you, is with you. God will heal your hearts and direct your steps. Place your life in God's loving care.

ALL: Thanks be to God! AMEN.

JOYS AND CONCERNS**PASTORAL PRAYER****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison):**

Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

ACTS 2:42-47

A reading from Acts...

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God**THE GOSPEL LESSON:**

JOHN 4:21-24

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 4TH chapter, beginning with the 21ST verse...

21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ**SERMON:**

"Passionate Worship Part II"
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Rise Up, Shepherds
Traditional American, Arr., by Anna Laura Page

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (in unison):

Pastor: Blessed be God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's (Kin-dom), now and forever. **AMEN.**

ALL: Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon me, O Holy One, to mercifully cleanse my heart and defend me from all adversities; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Epistle: Revelation 3:20

Voice One: Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you and you with me.

The Psalm: Psalm 23:5-6

Voice Two: You prepare a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Gospel: John 15:5

Voice Three: I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own local church and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. AMEN.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. AMEN.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:

The Banquet of God's love has been given to you. You have received blessing upon blessing. Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign. Bring peace and hope in Christ's Name to all you meet. God's peace and love be with you now and always. **AMEN.**

GOING FORTH

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World Communion Sunday
October 4th, 2020
Hymns

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to Worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come, Come, Come.

Christ Beside Me

TFWS 2166

1. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping Christ in my sitting
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

1. Come and find the quiet center in the
crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to
enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the
chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can
see, all the things that really
matter, be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the
heat and slow the pace, God it is who speaks and
names us, knows our being, touches base, making
space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the
sun, raising courage when we're
shrinking, finding scope for faith be gun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open
to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain: there's a
place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to
care, in the Spirit's lively
scheming there is always room to spare.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: Mae Foster, Henrietta Day, Art Huenkemeier.

At Home: Micaela Serrano, Aida Bejesus, Cleo English, Carol Waxler, Lee Magnuson, Aylin, Fredy & Eugenio Mejia.

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: Nancy O'Leary, Keith Sodergren, Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Jonathan Garcia, Maynard Wibom, Rev. Bettye Mixon, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Jerald Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Silvia Duran, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Pastor Uziel.

BIRTHDAYS

9/28 Margie Sierra

9/29 Micaela Serrano

9/29 Keith Sodergren

9/29 Virginia Solis

9/30 Terryl Hendrix

10/1 Donald Robb

10/3 Omar Barrera

10/3 Terry Martinez

10/4 Rebecca Slade

Joys & Concerns

Our joys and concerns are from last weeks service and any emails since:

Here is an update on two of the people that we have been praying for.

Wayne Russ is having problems getting enough oxygen as he moves around. It becomes low and he is still in the hospital with a severe case of covid-19. He and his family and Joyce need our continued prayers.

Kyle Montgomery is still in a coma, but he is waking up once in a while and is able to look at people for a time. He is still on the ventilator, please continue to pray for him and his family.

Phil Pedersen, Mimi Jacobson's brother, has been suffering with leukemia for several years and there is a chance the cancer has gone to his bones. and the problem is the doctors don't know where it originated from.

Bruce Jacobson's sister Cheryl is going to have a lumpectomy on Tues. The doctors think they found it early. Please keep Phil, Cheryl and their families and Mimi and Bruce also in your prayers.

We hope you will worship with us again.

Due to COVID-19, our physical building and office is closed but our mobile office is open Tuesday – Thursday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can call 779-444-0369, or email: Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com if you need any assistance.

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