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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The depth, breadth and height of God's creation knows no bounds

P: We are called to be stewards of God's world.

L: Who is exempt from the love of God?

P: Even though we turn away from God, God's love is still poured out to us.

L: God, heal our wounded spirits, encourage and inspire us to do your will.

P: Be present with us as we grow and learn in our faith. AMEN.

All: Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and our eternal home.

HYMN:

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, the oppressed. Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ's name. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Plant this good news deep in your thoughts: God loves you; God forgives you; God strengthens you for service. May God's compassion make us more passionate to serve; may God's forgiveness make us more merciful; may God's love make us more loving to everyone. Thanks be to God. **AMEN.**

HYMN:

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH 710

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison):

Mighty God, deserving of all honor and praise: we bring our gifts this morning, remembering that the offering you truly seek is the offering of our whole lives. Help us, we pray, to live a life that is worthy in your sight. When we struggle and stumble, help us up and put us on the path. On the advice of the apostle Paul, may our lives be focused on “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable”, so that our offering may be pleasing in your eyes. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (Philippians 4:1-9)

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

GALATIANS 5:13 – 18, 22 – 25

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians...

13 You, my brothers, and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[b] 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[c] you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 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.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 13:31-34

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 13TH chapter, beginning with the 31st verse...

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds[b] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH 710

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

UMH 338 (vs. 1,2,4)

Verse 1: I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Verse 2: I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me, I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Verse 4: He will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me, I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

****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, Wayne Russ, Pastor Uziel, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza.

BIRTHDAYS

10/6 Gaby Berndt

10/6 Irene Rosik

10/8 Nick Clinkenbeard

10/8 Tammy Dean Maggio

10/9 Uziel Hernandez Martinez

10/13 Daniel Salazar

10/14 Alyssa Vails

10/15 Grace Palmer

Joys & Concerns

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

Mimi Jacobson's brother Phil Pedersen, was given two weeks to a month to live and has taken a turn for the worse, and as of Friday he is non-verbal. Mimi and Bruce went to Iowa to see him on Sunday. Please pray for comfort for him, his family and Mimi and Bruce during this heartbreaking time.

Karen Russ gave us an update on Wayne. He has been home from the hospital for a week. His lungs are still compromised, but he is slowly doing better. He only needs to use his oxygen when he is up and walking, which is a blessing. Please continue to pray for a complete recovery.

Reuben and Rosa Mendoza, from our second service are in need of our prayers as Reuben is in the hospital in critical condition waiting on results from his tests and he will be having surgery later on in the week. Rosa is having problems with her leg and it is very difficult to walk.

We have a joy and a concern to share with you. The joy is Milka Rivera, our administrative assistant, is starting a new journey in her life. She will be starting a new career that gives her insurance and full time employment. We are very happy for her but it is a sad day for us. She will be missed by all of us as she was a tremendous asset to our church. Milka will be with us for another month or 6 weeks and we will send our love and good wishes as she enters a new phase in her life. She will still be attending church, so at least we will be able to see her when we are able to return to our church building.

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.

When you need to reach Pastor Uziel in the case of emergency, please contact him at 224-723-7003 or - centennialumc.pastor@gmail.com



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