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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18th, 2020 – 10:00am – Facebook, YouTube, and ZOOM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

P: for God keeps faith forever!

L: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

P: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

L: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

L: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

P: for God keeps faith forever!

HYMN:

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

UMH 430 (vs. 1,2,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways. Help us to see Your goodness in this world.

Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The psalmist says, *"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"* Know that you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone; Christ is with us. Be encouraged and encourage one another. Go and share the Good News. **Amen.**

HYMN:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452 (vs.1,3,4)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison):

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison):

God of Power and Glory, we come to your altar this morning, offering our gifts and praying for your presence in a world that is hurting and divided. Much of what we see is chaos, confusion, and anxiety – a world that desperately needs to glimpse your presence and your glory. More than just our gifts of money, we pray our lives might be a window into your love and compassion. We pray your light might shine through us to the world. Amen.

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

SERMON:

“Intentional Faith Development II”
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

CLOSING HYMN: We’ve A Story to Tell to The Nation UMH 569 (vs. 1,3,4)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:

Go now in the righteousness of faith and live by God’s just demands. Let nothing claim your devotion above the Lord, and count nothing of value above knowing Christ. Press on towards the ultimate prize, of being one with him. And may God’s perfect word revive your soul; May Christ Jesus be your saviors and your rock; And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to press ever onward. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. **AMEN.**

GOING FORTH

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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Hymns**

**Oh Master, let me walk with thee
UMH 430 (vs. 1,2,4)**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

**My faith looks up to thee
UMH 452 (vs. 1,3,4)**

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

We've a story to tell to the nations
UMH 569 (vs. 1,3,4)

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.
(Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.
(Refrain)

****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

1010/18 Juventino Salazar

10/19 Paulina Mayer

10/19 Pedro Mayer

10/19 Mary Mankarious

10/22 Lora Doll

10/23 Tatum Brown

10/23 Matthew Durante

10/24 Jacqueline Jaworowski

Joys & Concerns

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

Barb, Jan Rungren's sister, just found out she has breast cancer. She will be undergoing surgery this next week. Please keep Barb, Jan and their families in your pray

An aunt of Cami Reese (a co-worker of Bev and Sharon) passed away this past week. She had dementia and was living at Wesley Willows. At the age of 5, Cami lost her mother to cancer and her aunt became her second mom. Please keep Cami and her family in your prayers.

Pam and Jim (a former co-worker and friend of Janie Kellerman) need our prayers. Jim fell down the basement stairs and broke his back. So far he has no movement. Please pray that Jim's feeling returns and also for Pam as they face a very frightening time in their lives.

Marlene and Mickey's neighbors Linda and Larry are suffering from covid-19. They need our prayers.

An update on Aiden, the young man who had cancer when he was 5 years old, went into remission only to have it come back again, had some good news. He had surgery this past week and the doctors were able to remove the top half of his remaining kidney and they are certain all the tumor was removed and he also found out he does not have cancer of the liver. Praise God. We are so thankful for the good news.

Karen Russ gave us a very good update on Wayne. He no longer has to use oxygen as a supplement and is planning on going back to work part time in a week. What wonderful news for the entire family.

Saturday, Mimi and Bruce went to Iowa to celebrate Phil's life in an outside ceremony. Family and friends were able to attend. Phil is at peace in heaven.

Pam Herriott's sister has tested positive for covid. Her sister has been moved to a health facility in Downers Grove (she lives in an assisted living in Crete). Please keep her, her daughter, Pam, Doug and their families in your prayers. When I get an update of her diagnosis, I will send out another email.

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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