

# Centennial United Methodist Church

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KNOW THE PAST.  
SHAPE THE FUTURE.

**February 7, 2021**

# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 7th, 2021 – 10:00am – ZOOM, Facebook & YouTube

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany: Year B

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He's Everything to Me  
*by Ralph Carmichael*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

**Holy One, with our ancestors and all the people of God, we gather to sing our praises. You are the one who has created the cosmos and the ants. You give food to whales and sparrows, name the stars, and count the hairs on our heads. Compassionate One, we offer you our thanksgiving for your many blessings. Powerful One, inspire us this day: to turn our praise into action, to share your good news with those who long to hear a word of hope, to proclaim your message of peace and justice throughout the word. Praise to you! AMEN**

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Have you not known?

**Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Have you not heard?

**God does not faint or grow weary.**

Have you not known?

**God's understanding is unsearchable.**

Have you not heard?

**God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

Have you not known?

**Those who wait for God will renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

We come to hear.

**We come to know.**

***Thanks be to God.***

## HYMN:

There is a Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

**God of Strength, we confess our doubt. We are weary, but we turn to caffeine instead of waiting to be carried effortlessly on your eagle's wings. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(silence)*

**God of Justice, we confess our lack of trust. We are outraged and angry, but we turn to name calling, tweeting, and demonizing others instead of waiting for you to lift us up from the pit. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(silence)*

**God of Grace, we confess our reticence. We praise you with enthusiasm on Sunday, but then we turn to safe and comfort zones when we could be proclaiming the message of your limitless love. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(silence)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear God's promise to all: "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be war, they shall walk and not faint." Know that God's promise of grace and forgiveness is free of charge!

**HYMN:** I'm Glad Jesus Lifted Me TFW5 2151

**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**

**DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison):**

**God, you have created the universe. Everything we see has come into being because of you. Your glory is beyond our comprehension. Yet, you give us the most precious gift imaginable: your everlasting love and faithfulness. With great joy we now offer our own gifts – puny in comparison, but given with grateful hearts that belong to you, now and always. We are thankful for the opportunity to put these gifts to work proclaiming your gospel of love. AMEN.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16 – 23

**A reading from the letter to the Corinthians...**

16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Leader: The Word of God  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

## THE GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 1:29 – 39

**Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter, beginning with the 29th verse...**

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

## SERMON:

"Who are you looking for?"  
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

## CLOSING HYMN:

Precious Lord Take My Hand

UMH 474

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:

The God who named the stars has named each of us. Remember that God is calling your name. We will answer God's call to proclaim the gospel of love. Jesus Christ healed, cast out the demons, and made people whole. Jesus offers you wholeness. Healed by Christ, even in our brokenness, we go to proclaim the gospel of love. The Holy Spirit anointed Mary, birthed the church, and is right now blowing you out this door! Empowered by the Spirit, we go out to proclaim the gospel of love! **AMEN.**

## GOING FORTH

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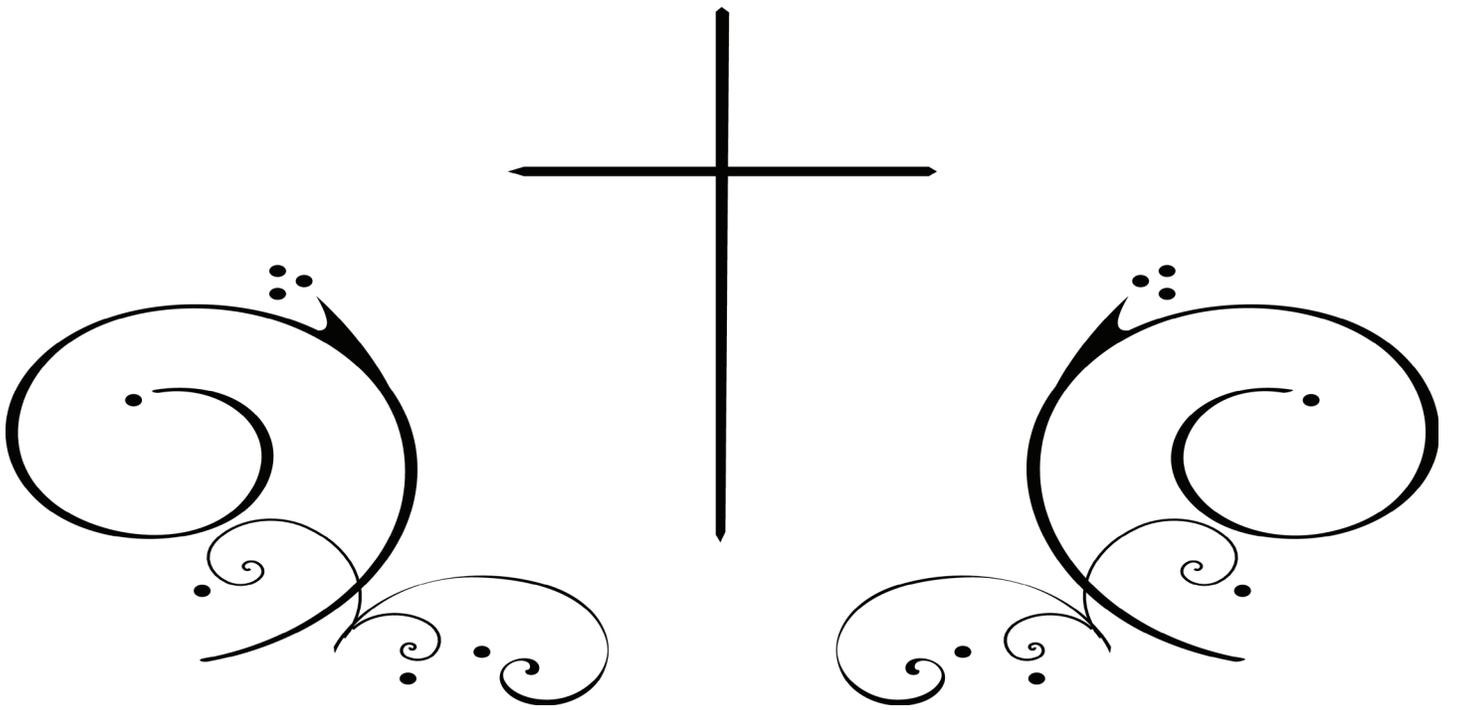
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**Liturgists:** CMUMC ministers

**Pianist:** Erica Kessler

**Bulletin:** Lora Doll



## **\*\*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, Dave Holland, Ivan Hernandez, Idan John, Jennifer Martin, Grace & Jeff Palmer, Forest Nelson.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

2/2 Brian Gomez  
2/5 Jill Vails  
2/7 Jonathan Garcia

## **Joys & Concerns**

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

**Marje Doll became a great grandma and Lori Doll** became a great aunt on Monday as Peter and Amanda Orlando had a baby girl. They named her Stevie Gray Orlando. Our congratulations to all of the happy family.

**Betty and Calvin** friends of Dave and Terri who are both suffering from covid-19 are both doing better. Calvin, who has been in the hospital in severe condition received an infusion of antibiotics and is doing so much better he was able to return home. Praise God. We are so happy for them.

**Wendy and Clarence Walton**, friends of Mimi and Bruce Jacobson need our prayers. Clarence will be moved to a long care facility as he is suffering from long term dementia and also has an uti. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Bruce Jacobson's mother** is still negative for covid-19 even though many of the patients at Fairhaven Nursing Home have contacted the disease. Pray she continues to be negative.

**Julie John** would like the church to pray for Grandma Yamema who had a stroke and now has covid. We will keep her in our 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](mailto:Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com) if you need any assistance.

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