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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Third Sunday of Lent: Year B

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

God of glory and might, speak to us with your wisdom, that we might truly hear you. Display your majesty, that we might truly see you. Transform the chaos of our lives with the clarity of your call, that we might worship you in spirit and in truth. AMEN

HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577 (vss., 1,2,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

When we set up barriers that prevent others from knowing the truth of your love, forgive us and break down those walls. When we set up barriers in our own minds and lives that keep us from knowing the truth of your love, break down our walls with your grace. When we are confused by the world's wisdom, break through our muddled minds and shine the clarity of your teachings. Draw us ever closer to you, to one another, and to the beauty of your wisdom and your love. AMEN

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Christ reduces the barriers we set up to dust and ashes that blow away to nothing in the power of his mercy and his grace. We are no longer divided or separated, but are united in the wisdom and the love of God.

HYMN: Sanctuary TFWS 2164 (X2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for the people of this gathering. . .
(Any person may offer a brief spoken prayer of intercession or petition.)

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for those who suffer and those in trouble. . .

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for the concerns of this local community. . .

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for the world, its people, and its leaders. . .

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for the church universal – its leaders, its members, and its mission. . .

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

Together, let us pray for the communion of saints. . .

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, TFWS 2193

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 2:13-22

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 13th verse. . .

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

HYMN FOR REFLECTION:

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

SERMON:

“What’s Your Sign?”
Dave Holland

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

(Please have some blank sheet of paper and pen/pencil available to you)

CLOSING HYMN:

I want a Principal Within

UMH 410

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:

Blessed by God’s wisdom,

We go forth refreshed and renewed.

Called by Christ,

We go now to serve.

Amazed by God’s love,

We go now to love.

AMEN.

GOING FORTH

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Preacher: Dave Holland

Liturgists: CMUMC ministers

Pianist: Erica Kessler

Bulletin: Lora Doll

Announcements

March 7, 2021

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (LENT 2021):

Wednesdays Bible Study: on the Book of Job

- with Pastor Judith in English, 1pm. On ZOOM.

Sundays Book Study: on "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. Together with Davis Junction UMC, led by Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell, 11:30am. On ZOOM.

TULIPS FOR EASTER: The nurture committee is taking orders for tulips for Easter. You are welcome to buy one for yourself or for someone in the church. Each tulip cost \$20. The proceeds will go into our Good Samaritan Fund. All orders are due by Monday, March 8th. If you need help to order, please contact Cindy Whitmer.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: The Rockford District UMM is hosting a Communion Service on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 9 am. This service will be held at Grace UMC and you can participate in person in the sanctuary or view the service live at www.graceumcrockford.org. The guest speaker is Gil Hanke, general secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. He will be speaking on "Why Men's Work is Important".

To reserve your spot, please contact Grace UMC at (815) 637-4561. Questions? Please contact Dave Hilton, Rockford UMM President (dvohilton@yahoo.com).

2021 PLEDGE CARDS: If you haven't sent your 2021 pledge cards please do so as soon as you can. We need your support as we continue our mission as a church. If you need additional ones, contact Lora Doll.

PASTOR UZIEL DATES OUT: Pastor Uziel will be getting ready for his BOOM interview this coming week. He will be unavailable from March 1st to March 15th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell (815) 298 – 3574.

****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, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forest Nelson.

BIRTHDAYS

3/7 Leroy Magnuson

3/9 Olivia Stone

Joys & Concerns

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

Please keep **Pastor Uziel** in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for his ordination interview which will be held on March 9.

Karen Russ said her friend Ellen, who is battling covid-19 needs our continued prayers as she has taken a downward turn.

Chuck Whitmore told us today he will be able to go back to work on Monday if his covid test comes back negative.

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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