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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 11th, 2021 – 10:00am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Traditional American, arr. by Anna Laura Page

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (unison):

God of grace and glory, renew us with your presence this day. As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise, bless us with your glorious love and your guiding light. Strengthen us each and every hour, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word. In hope and joy, we pray. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The earth is God's and everything in it.

People: We belong to our God.

Leader: Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving.

People: We lift our voices in glory and honor to God.

*OPENING HYMN:

Lord I Lift Your Name of High

TFWS 2088 (X2)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there is despair, fill us with hope. Where there is sorrow, fill us with comfort. Where there is sin, fill us with forgiveness.

Where there is hatred, fill us with love. Where there is worry, fill us with assurance.

Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory, that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise all the days of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God, who saves, is amongst us now: filling our lives with grace, forgiving us and making us one, perfecting all of creation, through the mercy of God's steadfast love. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

To God be the Glory

UMH 98

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison):

Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory. For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise. As you receive these gifts and offerings, receive us also. Blessing all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies you. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")

FIRST LESSON:

EPHESIANS 1:3 – 14

A scripture from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians...

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 6:14 – 29

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter, beginning with the 14th verse...

14 King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

15 Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

16 But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

17 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. 18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, 20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled[c]; yet he liked to listen to him.

21 Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." 23 And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

24 She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

25 At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, 28 and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. 29 On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"The Big Picture"

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

***HYMN:**

Victory in Jesus

UMH 370

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:**

Pastor: Brilliant children of light, go now to shine with God's glory and love.

People: We will shine brightly and love freely.

Pastor: Honor God with all that you say and do.

People: We will make the world a better and a brighter place for all to live.

ALL: AMEN.

GOING FORTH

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Announcements

July 11th, 2021

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study: on the Book of Genesis

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

2nd Bible Study:

- Bible Study with Pastor Uziel on the church lawn, 6pm,

2021 NIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: This year our annual conference will be on July 16 and 17 virtually. Ask Pastor Uziel more info. Please keep our annual conference (NIC) in your prayers.

NEW WEBSITE DOMAIN: We are transitioning to a new Website Domain next year. Beginning May 3rd, 2022, our church's website address will change from

centennialumcrockford.org

to

centennialumcrockford.com

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Uziel.

****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, Noreen Slade.

BIRTHDAYS

7/13 Bettye Mixon

7/15 Yuna Stone

7/16 Alexander Mankarious

7/17 Reynaldo Barrera

7/17 Art Huenkemeier

Joys & Concerns

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

We hope you will worship with us again.

You can call Pastor Uziel if you need any assistance, please contact him at 224.723.7003.

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