

Centennial United Methodist Church

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welcome
to worship
Thanks for Coming

July 25, 2021

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 25th, 2021 – 10:00am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

Why Me?
by Kris Kristofferson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (unison):

God of steadfast love, fools say in their hearts: "There is no God." May our words and our very lives prove that we are not foolish. May our faith be as constant as the North Star, and may others know that we are Christians by our love. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Why have you come to this place?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Why have you come today?

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN:

My Hope is Built

UMH 368 (vss. 1,3,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Invite us once more to eat our fill and find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish after feeding the five thousand, gather up the pieces of our lives and shelter us in your love. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

As God restored the fortunes of Zion, exiles were like people who dream—people filled with rejoicing and gladness. As God restores our fortunes, let us join their glad song and their rejoicing. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH 599

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:

Erica Kessler

I Will Serve Thee
By Bill Gaither

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison):

Caretaker of our souls, in your love, nothing is lost. As Jesus gathered the leftover food after feeding the five thousand, gather our offerings into your service. As Jesus gathered the longing of those who looked to him to be their king, gather our longing to do your will.

As Jesus gathered the outcasts to your heavenly banquet, gather our fellowship into your host of saints. Bless the gifts we have gathered in your name, that nothing may be lost, and that everything may be gained. 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 3:14 – 21

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

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 6:1 – 21

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 6th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse. . .

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 14 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." 21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"No Crowd-Funded King"
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

***HYMN:**

Gather us In

TFWS 2236

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:**

Go to follow Jesus, who gives us the bread of life. Go to walk in the ways of Christ, who strengthens us in our inner being through the power of the Holy Spirit. Go to serve our living Lord, who gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost. **AMEN.**

GOING FORTH:

Postlude in C
By Henry Purcell

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

July 25th, 2021

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study: on the Book of Genesis

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

2nd Bible Study:

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF RUBEN AND ROSA MENDOZA: You are invited to join in celebration with Ruben and Rosa as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. We will have a special ritual in the second service to commemorate this special day.

You can send gifts and cards to 1229 Rose Avenue, Rockford, IL 61102.

WE NEED MONTHLY READERS AND GREETERS: There will be a sign-up sheet in the front entrance for monthly liturgy readers and greeters. Please sign up as you are able. If you have any questions talk to Pastor Uziel.

WE NEED MONTHLY VOLUNTEER GREETERS FOR SECOND SERVICE: There will be a sign-up sheet in the front for monthly second service greeters. NO Spanish speaking needed.

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

7/29 Janice Rungren

Attendance: July 11, 2021
English 49
Spanish 13
Total 62

Joys & Concerns

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

Tony Sierra, Margie Sierra's 19 year old grandson that was found unconscious and then had 5 heart attacks and then put on life support has passed away. The entire family needs our prayers as they face this terrible sadness. Please encircle them with your love and sympathy. .

Sharon Sodergren had a MRI to determine the source of her pain, hoping for news on Monday.

Jasmine Morgan, a former member of the young adult group is living in Ohio and is struggling.

Nolan, Tara's 5 year old grandson has been diagnosed with mono and is recovering.

Joseline's son **Idan's** great-grandfather who lives in Colorado is ill and in the hospital.

Carol Risenhoover's joys are that Christ UMC is donating backpacks for the upcoming school year and Saturday Kid's Club will resume the first Saturday in August with safety protocols in place.

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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