



Defying Expectations

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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Desafiando las Expectativas

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 24th, 2021 – 10:00am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Year B

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

When I Can Read My Title Clear
Isaac Watts and Joseph C. Lowry, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (unison):

God our healer, source of everlasting mercy, give us the courage to cry out in our need when the crowd seeks to silence us, as did blind Bartimaeus outside Jericho; give us the wisdom to admit our limitations and accept our limited understanding, as did Job before us; give us the confidence to sing your praises in the midst of fear and doubt, as the psalmist did in David's court. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be truly made well and whole and follow you all the days of our lives. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Magnify the Lord. Exalt God's holy name.

How can we praise God amidst so much suffering?

God is Lord over all—both good and evil.

Only the saints can comprehend such things.

The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing, and transforms the suffering of the faithful into a deeper joy.

Restore our fortunes, O God, when calamity strikes.

Magnify the Lord, you righteous of the Lord.

We will exalt God's holy name.

*OPENING HYMN:

Open Our Eyes, Lord

TFWS 2086 (X2)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

Merciful God, our thoughts and deeds too often do not reflect the grace you show us. Our speech and actions too often do not proclaim your salvation. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins that we bear both as individuals and as your Church. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Our teacher, let us see again! Give us the courage to take heart in your grace. Give us the strength to get up. Give us the wisdom to hear your calling. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Christ intercedes for us, and saves everyone who comes to God in his name. Draw near to God through Christ, and God will draw near to you. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

UMH 351 (vss. 1,2,3)

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

There'll Be Peace In The Valley For Me
By Thomas Dorsey

DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison):

Mighty God, just as you restore sight to the blind and benevolence to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in their need and who seek you with their whole hearts. We ask this in Jesus's name, the name above all names. 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:

HEBREWS 7:23-28

A scripture from Hebrews. . .

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely[a] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

MARK 10:46 – 52

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter, beginning with the 46th verse. . .

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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

SERMON:

“Sightings”
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

***HYMN;**

Be thou My Vision

UMH 451

***BENEDICTION:**

We once were broken, but now are whole.

We go with peace in our hearts.

We once were blind, but now we see.

We go with hope for our lives.

We once were lost, but now are found.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

We once were alone, but now are family.

We go with God.

GOING FORTH:

Trumpet Voluntary
By Jeremiah Clark

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

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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 at the church building, starting at 6pm.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021 CHIMES: Items and Articles for the Chimes Due by October 24th.

CENTENNIAL'S FOOD PANTRY: Just a reminder, that we are still taking donations to Centennial's food pantry. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, rice or anything that will not spoil is welcomed. Donations can be left in the church office. Also, if you find yourself in need of groceries, see Pastor Uziel or Carol Risenhoover.

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, Lee Magnuson.

At Home: Micaela Serrano, Cleo English, Carol Waxler.

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: Keith Sodergren, Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Maynard Wibom, Rev. Bettye Mixon, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Jerald Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forest Nelson, Noreen Slade, Wayne Russ.

BIRTHDAYS

	10/26	Charles Whitmore	10/30	Kelly Miller Rote
10/24		Jacqueline Jaworowski	10/27	Sharon Sodergren
10/25		Lourdes Reyes	10/30	Jeff Palmer

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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