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January 16, 2022

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 16th, 2022 – 10:00am - Second Sunday after the Epiphany - Year C
Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
From Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music; arr. Phillip Keveren

GATHERING MEDITATION:

IT TAKES FIRE
(Based on Exodus 3:1-15)

It took a miraculous fire to get my attention. No loss of life. No burned out homes.
No crowds to gawk and gaze. It was a private fire meant only for me.

"Come."

"Here I am."

"Not too close. Remove your shoes. This place is holy."

God puts holy fire into our mouths to speak truth to power.

How long will bullies frighten children? How long will "higher-ups" oppress the rank and file? How long will drug dealers hook innocents? How long will companies lose workers pensions? How long will people die in senseless conflict?

As long as fire in holy places goes unnoticed . . . and cool smoke rises where Christian passion once burned.

On March 25, 1965, in Montgomery, Alabama, God put holy fire into the mouth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dared to speak truth to power. He urged a crowd, weary from well-doing, to keep on. He knew that many wondered if they could continue the struggle for justice. To them he said . . .

(Read excerpt from "on" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:(UNISON)

Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life, and joy.
AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE DAY

Leader: One day

Right Side: One day

Left Side: One day

All: One day, every valley gonna be filled;

Leader: One day

Left Side: One day

Right Side: One day

All: One day, every mountain and hill gonna be made low;

Right Side: One day

Leader: One day

Left Side: One day

All: One day, all the crooked gonna be made straight;

Leader: One day

Right and Left Sides: One day

All: One day, all the rough ways gonna be made smooth;

Leader: One day

Right and Left Sides: One day

Leader: One day

All: One day, God's gonna do it! We're all gonna see it!

***OPENING HYMN:**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

Stony the road we have walked and yet we forget our footsteps. We have, too often, not honored the faith of our foreparents. We have, too often, strayed from the righteous path. We have, too often, been drunk on the wine of the world, and not lived out the radical gospel of service and peace. We have, too often, lived in division and sin. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to our heritage; back to you.

AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Christ is our peace and has torn down every barrier between us and heaven; between us and all humanity. He has broken down these barriers that separate, by his life, and has built us up into one body in God by the Spirit. Whoever repents and believes, he has promised reconciliation and peace. Let us live as people reconciled.

AMEN.

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560 (vss. 1,2,4)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

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 in 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, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Make Me A Servant
By Kelly Willard

Erica Kessler

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):**

Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray.

AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

JOHN 2:1 – 11

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 1st verse. . .

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, [a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. [b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ!

SERMON:

"Like It Matters"

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

LITANY

(Based on Psalm 124)

One: If the LORD had not been on our side

Many: Let all the people say, if the LORD had not been on our side,

One: If the LORD had not been on our side — let Israel say —

Many: If the LORD had not been on our side when we were attacked, when anger flared like a flash fire against us.

One: If the LORD had not been on our side, our enemies would have swallowed us alive.

Many: Our ancestors would have all perished in the Middle Passage.

One: Our ancestors would have all died in slavery in the Americas

Many: If the LORD had not been on our side — let all the people say — if the Lord had not been on our side, the flood would have engulfed us.

One: If the LORD had not been with us, the torrent would have swept us into the seas; the raging waters would have swept us away.

Many: Praise the LORD who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

One: Praise the LORD, we have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare.

Many: Praise the LORD, the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

One: Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Many: God is our help, the maker of heaven and earth.

ALL: Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

***BENEDICTION:**

As we have been filled, go now to fill the world. Fill the world with love. Fill the world with hope. Fill the world with Christ. For as we nourish others, God transforms the world through us.

AMEN.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Trumpet Voluntary

By Jeremiah Clark arr. by Denes Agay

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Announcements

January 16, 2022

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study: - with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

2nd Bible Study: - on break until February.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY: Sunday, January 23rd, 2022.

BLACK HISTORY/HERITAGE MONTH: February 2022.

UMW January 2022 Program

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 1 pm, via Zoom, Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Yao people in Mozambique

Dr. Julie Henderson (Karen Russ' sister) and her husband Steve joined Christian Veterinary Mission in 2009. Together they worked in Northern Mozambique to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the Yao people there. The Yao are a Muslim tribe and considered an 'unreachable' people group, but God's Spirit is working mightily among them. Join us to learn about Dr. Henderson and Steve's faith journey from Texas to Mozambique.

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: 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, Forrest Nelson, Noreen Slade, Wayne Russ, Erica Kessler.

BIRTHDAYS

1/20 Judith Kelsey-Powell

1/16 Noreen Slade

1/19 Fred Wescott

Joys and Concerns

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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