

# Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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January 23, 2022

**CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**January 23rd, 2022 – 10:00am - Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Year C**  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**GATHERING MUSIC:**

Erica Kessler

Amazing Grace  
*From Virginia Harmony Songbook; arr. by Anna Laura Page*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER:(UNISON)**

**Holy maker of stars and planets, Holy mender of broken dreams, Holy fountain of joyful news, we stand in awe of your glory. We cry out with the psalmist in wonder, as your word is proclaimed in the silent song of the cosmos. We cry out with your faithful ones, as your presence is made known in the stories of your people at all times and places. When the people returned from captivity in Babylon, you gave them your precepts to sustain them, as they rebuilt the city. When Jesus read the words of your prophets to his hearers in the synagogue, he reminded them of your promise to release captives, to restore sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed. Today, you call us to be members of the body of Christ, your embodied Word made flesh, and to offer healing and wholeness wherever we go. May our songs and our stories, our praise and our thanks, be pleasant to you this day, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.**

**AMEN.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This day is holy to our God; do not mourn or weep.

**The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.**

This day is holy to our God; for the joy of the Holy One is our strength.

**God sends us to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and justice to the oppressed.**

On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasant to you, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Rock and redeemer, you call us to remember that we are all members of one body in your Spirit.

**Forgive us when we do not embody your love, when we speak harshly to one another, and when we judge others in our hearts.**

Together, we drink of the one Spirit, and share in the same love that makes us one.

**Reclaim us when we refuse to hear your word when spoken by those who do not look or sound as we expect.**

Remind us that when one of your creatures suffers, all of creation suffers.

**Renew us when we forget that we are one body, one family of our heavenly creator.**

**AMEN.**

*Moment of Silence*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the good news: God heals our illusion of separateness and makes us one and whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. AMEN.**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CONGREGATIONAL 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:

Erica Kessler

Gentle Shepherd  
By Bill and Gloria Gaither

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):

**Holy Word, Holy Breath, Holy Maker of all, with gratitude for making us one body, we share our gifts with one another and with the world.  
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:

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

*A scripture from Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. . .*

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

<sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

Leader: The Word of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 4:14-21**

*Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter, beginning with the 14th verse. . .*

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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

**SERMON:**

Dave Holland

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157 (vss. 1,4,5)

**\*BENEDICTION:**

As living members of the holy body of Christ, may we see the face of the Holy One in everyone we meet. And may we hear God's holy word in every sound and voice we hear. Go in peace to love and serve the world.

**AMEN.**

**GOING FORTH:**

Erica Kessler

How Can I Keep From Singing  
By Robert Lowry

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# Announcements

January 23, 2022

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

Wednesdays

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

2nd Bible Study: - on break until February.

**BLACK HISTORY/HERITAGE MONTH:** February 2022.

**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**

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|------|----------------|-----------------------|
|      | 1/25           | Stevie Orlando        |
| 1/24 | Eric Brown     | 1/26 Amber Brown      |
| 1/24 | Jasmine Morgan | 1/26 Rev. Mario Mayer |

**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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