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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 30th, 2022 – 10:00am - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - Year C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:(UNISON)

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, for we need to feel your healing touch. As we gather to worship you this day, humble our hearts, teach us patience, and touch us with kindness. Open our eyes, that we may see ourselves as you see us. Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness, that our words may be true and our love may be pure. Bind us in a love that does not fail or fade, that we may bear all things, believe all things, and hopes all things in your love, which never ends.

AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Offer God your worship and your praise.

Before God formed us in our mothers' wombs, God knew and loved us.

Offer Christ your love and your devotion.

Before we drew our first breath, Christ consecrated us as his own.

Offer the Spirit your gratitude and your thanksgiving.

Before we heard the call to heal the world, the Spirit sustained our every heartbeat.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We will offer God our worship and our praise.

***OPENING HYMN:**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF YEARNING (in Unison):

Source of truth and love, we yearn for certainty in an uncertain world. Grant us the courage to proclaim the words you place in our mouths. Remind us that your love alone softens the heart and mind, allowing us to receive your mysterious ways. When we fear that others will not see things our way, remind us that we all see in a mirror dimly. Silence the clanging cymbals that distract us, and harken us to your voice once more, that we may abide in your love.

AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The one who formed us in our mothers' wombs continues to shape our lives today. Rejoice in the good news: God knows us and loves us as we are. God's love heals our wounds, and gives us hope for the time before us.

AMEN.

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See

UMH 468

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:

Erica Kessler

Something Beautiful
By Bill and Gloria Gaither

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):

Source of every blessing, you are our refuge and our strength. Even before we were born, you knew us completely. You have watched over us all the days of our lives. Receive these offerings and the gratitude of thankful hearts. Grow the ministries of your church, that we may bring your message of love to a world deafened by clanging cymbals and noisy gongs. 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 13:1 – 13

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

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

LUKE 4:21 – 30

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter, beginning with the 21st verse. . .

21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

24 "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** And there were many in Israel with leprosy[a] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. **29** They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. **30** But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ!

SERMON:

"God's Infuriating Grace"

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Lord speak to Me

UMH 463 (vss.1,3,5)

***BENEDICTION:**

God sends us forth with words of love on our lips.

Christ sends us with acts of love in our deeds.

The Spirit sends us with the power of love to sustain our lives.

We go in the power of God's love to be ambassadors of Christ's love and peace.

AMEN.

GOING FORTH:

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By Mullan and Richards

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

January 30th, 2022

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study:

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

-Studying the Book of Exodus.

2nd Bible Study:

-on break until February.

BLACK HISTORY/ MONTH: February 2022.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: For Black History Month in February, we want to allow enough time for our guest speaker to share their presentation. Thus, we will be receiving prayer cards to write out our joys and concerns. Please put them in the offering plates. You can also contact Sharon Sodergren directly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2022: First Sunday in Black History Month, Guest Speaker, Scholar Ana Kelsey – Powell.
Holy Communion Sunday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2021: Second Sunday in Black History Month, Guest Speaker, Rev. Christopher Druce – Jones.

FEBRUARY 17TH – 21ST: Pastor Uziel will be out of town on a Spiritual Retreat with Clergy of Color in Downtown Chicago.

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

2/2 Brian Gomez

2/5 Jill Vails

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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