

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 27th, 2022 – 10:00am - Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany - Year C
Transfiguration Sunday
Black History Month

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door
African-American Spiritual

Erica Kessler

OPENING PRAYER

Grace Palmer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN:**

You Alone Are Holy

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***SACRED TEXT LESSON**

JOHN 5:1 – 11

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 5th chapter, the 1st verse. . .

⁵ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ^{[4] [b]} ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Were You There

UMH 288 (vss. 1,4,5)

SERMON:

“Pick up your mat”
Rev. Dr. Christal Bell

LITURGY OF RESPONSE (In unison):

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus’ ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people’s bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. This we pray this in Jesus’ holy name. Amen. (Mark 1:29-39)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”
Chimes Trio
Erica Kessler,
Jan Rungren,
Janie Kellermann

***DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):**

**Jesus, Child of God, Chosen of God, you shone upon the mountain with your glory. You shone in many other ways, as you healed the sick and fed the hungry. You continue to shine today, every time we follow your loving example. Bless our gifts of every kind— our energy and talent, our treasure and mission. May your light shine through these gifts, that our world may be transformed by your power
AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

***BENEDICTION:**

“May God bless you and keep you. May God make God’s face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

GOING FORTH:

Standing In The Need Of Prayer
African-American Spiritual

Erica Kessler

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Pastor: Rev. Uziel Hernández Martínez

Liturgists: CMUMC ministers

Pianist: Erica Kessler

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Rev. Dr. Christal L. Bell – known as Rev. Dr. Christal – is a highly sought-after preacher, chaplain family ministry consultant, writer, and spiritual care and counseling coach. She is the founder of Uplifted LLC, a consulting practice that specializes in best Christian Education practices emphasizing holistic and pastoral care ministry in the areas of children, youth, women, and family ministry.

Rev. Dr. Christal currently serves as the Director of Christian Education for the Fourth Episcopal District (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Canada, India) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Christal is also the newly Director of Communications and Diversity and Inclusion for WAY TO LEAD, a faith based organization that helps congregations Live Everyday As Disciples. She is also an endorsed Chaplain providing spiritual care in the Advocate Health Care System in the Chicagoland area.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in radio/tv from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, a Master of Divinity specializing in Youth Ministry from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Payne Theological Seminary, and currently pursuing Board Certification as a Chaplain. She is the proud daughter of Presiding Elder Larry James Bell (North District Michigan) and Rev. DaNita Bell. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Her life verse is Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Announcements

February 27th, 2022

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.
- Studying the Book of Exodus.

2nd Bible Study:

- Wednesdays
- With Pastor Uziel in Spanish, 7pm. On ZOOM and Facebook.

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 27TH, 2022: Fourth Sunday in Black History Month, Guest Speaker, Rev. Christal Bell – Director of Christian Education at the Fourth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022: Worship Committee Meeting, on ZOOM at 7pm.

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 & Sheila Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Noreen Slade, Wayne Russ.

BIRTHDAYS

		3/5	Karina Salazar
3/2	Jesus Cruz	3/5	Jennifer Teasdale
3/2	Steven Gomez		
3/2	Marlene Wibom		

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Judith is flying to Arizona on Monday, Feb 21st to be with her sister as she recovers from surgery. Pastor Judith will be gone for three weeks. Bible Study will continue as usual over Zoom (You don't have to be home to zoom) Please keep her in your prayers that she has a successful trip.

As we continue to observe Black History Month, we were blessed to have Rev Steven Terrell and his family with us yesterday. Rev Terrell is the senior pastor at Christ the Carpenter United Methodist Church.

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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