

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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The Beginning of a Journey

El comienzo de un viaje

March 6, 2022

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 6, 2022 – 10:00am
First Sunday in Lent : Year C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
By James Denton; based on the tune 'Picardy'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (unison):

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted us from our task, our mission, our vision.

Yet we emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.

We too live in stressful times.

Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life.

We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth.

We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.

Forgive us, Ancient One, when we get distracted from our task.

Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all people, and fail to be anything to anyone.

AMEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

*OPENING HYMN:

We Walk by Faith

TFWS 2196 (vss. 1,2,3)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

O Lord, we have failed to bring you the first of all our blessings. We have been slow to come to the place you have chosen as a dwelling for your name. We have been intoxicated by a hunger for power, possessions, and protection. We have been dehydrated by injustice. We are misguided and deluded. As former aliens in this land of milk and honey, we have continued the cycle of discrimination and the exploitation of new aliens and strangers. Forgive us, we pray. Refresh us for justice and compassion. Make us sober for sacrificial service. Guide us again through your Word and your will and your way.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Trust the promises of God. Believe in Christ Jesus with your whole heart. Confess what the Spirit has done for you and you will abide in life everlasting. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

TFWS 2112

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Love To Tell The Story
By William Fischer; arr. by Denes Agay

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, 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:

LUKE 4:1 – 13

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse. . .

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' [c]"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.

10 For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

“Spitting on the Devil”

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

UMH 13-15

THE LORD’S PRAYER: THE LORD’S PRAYER, UMH 895

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

When Jesus came to Jordan

UMH 252

***BENEDICTION:**

May the dust of the wilderness hold our footprints
lovingly shaped as they are by your hurt, for dust remembers.
May the journey into wilderness unfold.

Honestly, for honesty is the gift your soul recognizes as you.

May your time in this wilderness be shaped by space rather than minutes so there is time enough for all of you.

May the stones in this wilderness cry out your name loudly that your spirit recognizes the voice that has been calling you
always.

And may you know this wilderness has been expecting you and you find between the stones a promise growing. **AMEN.**

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Solemn Procession
By Denes Agay

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study: on the Book of Exodus

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

2nd Bible Study:

- Bible Study with Pastor Uziel at the church building, starting 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 Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Noreen Slade, Wayne Russ.

BIRTHDAYS

3/9 Olivia Stone

3/6 Maggie Orlando

3/7 Leroy Magnuson

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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