

# Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 13th, 2022 – 10:00am - Second Sunday in Lent - Year C

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Give Me Jesus  
*African-American Spiritual*  
arr. by Anna Laura Page

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER(Unison)

**Lifegiving lover of all nations, you promised Abraham and Sarah that their descendants would be more plentiful than all the stars in the night sky. You made a covenant to guide them throughout the ages. Just as you guided our ancestors in faith, guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in you and exalt your name. Bless us as we follow the path that leads us to the cross with Jesus. AMEN**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

**God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.**

The Holy One calls us to take courage, as we travel the path with Jesus.

**Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God's holy name.**

### \*OPENING HYMN:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Guide and Protector of your children, when Jesus began his walk toward Jerusalem, he knew the journey could cost his life.

**When we cannot see the road ahead, we are tempted to turn back instead of trusting the path you lay before our feet.**

When Herod threatened to kill Jesus, he remained with the people, casting out demons and healing the afflicted.

**When trouble comes, we are tempted to run away and protect ourselves, rather than remain with those who need our help.**

Facing the cross, Jesus longed to gather the people as a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings.

**Forgive us when we are not willing to take shelter in your loving arms.**

*Moment of Silence*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The Holy One forgives and guides us, conforming us into the very image of Christ. 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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

For The Beauty Of The Earth  
by Conrad Kocher arr. by Mark Ellsworth

## \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):

**Holy One, our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our lives, accept these gifts as a token of our commitment to walk in your ways. 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

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

*A reading from Genesis...*

<sup>15</sup> After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

<sup>9</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup> Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi[a] of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

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

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 13:31 – 35

**Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter, beginning with the 31st verse...**

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup> He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

**SERMON**

"Look to the Skies!"  
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Brothers and sisters, stand firm in Christ. Trust God's promises in all things and take shelter in the Spirit's loving arms in times of trouble. Go in peace, to love and serve the world.

**AMEN.**

**GOING FORTH:**

To A Wild Rose  
by Edward MacDowell

Erica Kessler

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# Announcements

March 13th, 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.

**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**

3/6 Maggie Orlando

3/7 Leroy Magnuson

3/9 Olivia Stone

## **Joys and Concerns**

Several years ago Geri Himes was our church organist. Her husband Hazen passed away this past week. Please pray for Hazen's family.

Paige Whitmore (Chuck and Kim's daughter) is suffering from shingles. Chuck said she is feeling better but we need to keep Paige and her parents in our prayers as she continues to heal.

Mickey Wibom fell on Tuesday and went to the ER. He is home but he and Marlene need our prayers.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine as they suffer so much tragedy to their country and families.

We have a great joy as Milka Riveria is once again our Administrative Assistant. She is such a blessing to the church and we welcome her back with open arms.

Henrietta Day will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 22nd. Let's have a card shower to help her celebrate. Her address is 4141 N Rockton Ave Hunt Terrace F13 Rockford, IL 61103

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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