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March 20, 2022

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 20th, 2022 – 10:00am - Third Sunday in Lent - Year C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

What Wondrous Love Is This
from William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. by Anna Laura Page

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER(Unison)

Holy One, when we are alone in the desert, wandering through the wilderness, we call to you, for you are our help. Our souls cling to you. Come, God, and hold us up. Come, bring your presence and fill us with your peace. In the shadow of your wings, we will sing for joy. AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, my God, we seek you.

Our souls thirst for you.

Our spirits long for you,

for we are parched and weary in these desert times, these wilderness places.

But your love, O God, is better even than life.

Our words will praise you, our actions bless you.

Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

Call upon the Holy One, who is near.

We will bless you as long as we live.

We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

*OPENING HYMN:

Change My Heart O God

TFWS 2152 (X2)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But you, O God, are faithful. You see us and know us and love us as we are. In times of trial, you show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of your heart, and help us begin again. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Anything we have done, God knows already. Anything we have hidden, God has already seen. God's love for us and grace to us are higher than we have imagined, deeper than we have guessed. Before we have asked, God's mercies are already given. For God does not waste our struggles, but uses them to grow joy.

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Living for Jesus

TFWS 2149 (vss. 1,2,3)

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

Beautiful Savior
Crusader's Hymn from Munster Gesangbuch, 1677

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):

God of grace, you have fed our spirits and nourished our souls. You have supported us in every possible way. May the gifts we bring this morning be an offering of our gratitude, and may they be a promise to share what we have received from your hand. 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

Psalm 63:1-8

A reading from Psalm . . .

¹ You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,

in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶ On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷ Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:1-9

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

¹³ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

⁸ "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

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

SERMON

"What have they learned?"
Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

***BENEDICTION:**

People of God, listen that you may live. Go forth and seek the Lord. Find all that is holy wherever you go. As our souls have been fed, so may we share our gifts and our blessings with others. **AMEN.**

GOING FORTH:

Larghetto from Symphony No. 2
by Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. by William Baines

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

March 20th, 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.

Get to Know Me

This is a new feature highlighting some of our older members that may or may not be able to attend services.



Henrietta Day is a long time member of Centennial and turns 100 on the 22nd of March. She married Vic in 1952 and they joined the church soon after. Vic grew up Methodist and they visited and liked Centennial. Henrietta was actively involved as a Sunday School teacher, greeter, and communion steward. After her husband died she enjoyed traveling with friends. She and Centennial friend, Ethel Sweger, traveled to Europe as well as throughout the United States including Alaska. She also was a faithful volunteer at Swedish American Hospital and at elementary schools, listening to children read. Henrietta moved to Wesley Willows almost 30 years ago and currently lives at Hunt Terrace. When asked by Wesley Willows staff what she wanted for her birthday, she said she just wanted to thank everyone for taking good care of her.

****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

	3/18	Aylin Medina	3/26	Emmaly Nelson
3/14	Rachel Ruiz	3/22	Henrietta Day	
3/16	Jennifer Johnson	3/24	Joyce Russ	
3/17	Carleton Dean	3/25	Christian Berndt	

Joys and Concerns

I received an email from Pastor Bettye

On top of everything else I have shingles. On my face, scalp and right eye. It has swollen the eye so that I can't see in that eye. My scalp feels like it's on fire too and my whole face is covered with scabby chicken pox like sores.

Please pray for Pastor Bettye as she is suffering from another ailment. She has been through so much already and to add shingles to the list is so horrible for her. Your former church loves you and will keep you in our prayers.

I received a phone call from Ellen Dean regarding Cleo English. She is currently in the nursing area of Nelson Debes Subacute Complex. She has been there for 2 weeks and is hoping in another week she will be able to go home. Please keep her in your prayers.

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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