

# Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 3rd, 2022 – 10:00am - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Year C

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Walk with us, Spirit of Christ, on this Lenten journey. Show us what to bring with us and what to leave behind. Give us the courage to leave the past behind, that we may see the new things that lie ahead. Then let us pick up our very best gifts in order to give them to others in your name, that our lives may be complete, and our hearts may be made whole. In the Spirit and the joy of Christ, our friend, we pray. AMEN**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient, flowing streams.

**Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!**

### \*OPENING HYMN:

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57 (vss. 1,3,4)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of grace, you call us into your glorious future. When we dwell on the past, you tell us to remember no longer the things of old. When we fail to notice the poor among us, you call us to give freely of what we have. When we are reluctant to share our gifts and talents, you give your own life so that we may live. Free us, Holy Spirit, from self-absorption and from fear. AMEN.**

*Moment of Silence*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As God's children, forgiven and free, we are blessed to give our best gifts in God's name.

### HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203(vss.1,2,4)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

Erica Kessler

The Heavens Are Telling  
*by Ludwig van Beethoven arr. by Denes Agay*

**\*DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):**

**Receive, O God, all that we are: our treasures, our time, our talents, and even our forgiven flaws. May your grace be made known through our giving, that others may be healed by the Spirit of Christ, our friend. 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**

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-15

**A reading from Second Corinthians...**

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 12:1-8

**Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 12th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...**

<sup>12</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.[b]" <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you,[c] but you will not always have me."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ!**

**SERMON**

"We are for God the fragrant aroma of Christ"

Pastor Auderine Rochet

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

#### 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:

O Zion Haste

UMH 573 (vss. 1,2,3)

#### \*BENEDICTION:

May our service to others become a fragrant gift in God's name. Go with God, the one who is about to do a new thing in and through us. **AMEN.**

#### GOING FORTH:

Get On Board, Little Children  
*by John Chamberlain arr. by Fascinato and Ford*

Erica Kessler

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## Announcements

April 3rd, 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.

**PASTOR AUDERINE ROCHET** will be attending our bible studies on May 4th.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today, April 3rd, 2022. We have Pastor Auderine Rochet with us. She is visiting and preaching in both services. We will have a greet and meet after both services. This is part of our pastoral transition process. Please stay and greet Pastor Auderine.

**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send any new announcements to the church office email [centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com](mailto:centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com) to have it posted on our Sunday bulletin. Preferable two weeks prior or the Thursday before Sunday.

**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](http://centennialumcrockford.org)**

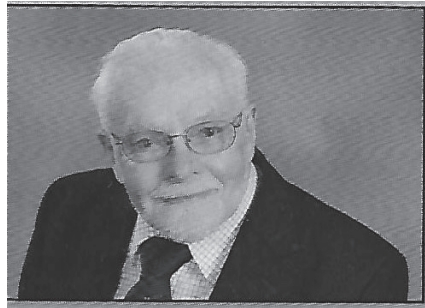
**to**

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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.*



Art Huenkenmeier

Art has been a member of Centennial since 1941. He is our oldest living member.

He is a fifth generation member of our church. As a boy Art, along with his brother and parents, moved to Rockford and they lived with his grandparents in Haight Village. His family became members of nearby Centennial UMC.

Art has lived at Wesley Willows for the past three years. He loves it. He said it was a wonderful decision to move there. He became familiar with the facility a number of years ago as he volunteered as a "pusher" (of wheelchairs) on the suggestion of Bob Holland.

Art has been a mainstay at our church for all of these years and has been involved with many committees including Trustees and Membership as well as helping with mailings and purchasing.

As for a special memory of Centennial, he feels that it's basically the feeling he has had for all of the people that makes it feel like a family to him.

A message to share with the congregation would be that we are all here to serve. It makes everything much more meaningful that way.

## **\*\*PRAYER LIST\*\***

**At W. Willows:** Mae Foster, Henrietta Day, Art Huenkemeier, Lee Magnuson.

**At Home:** Micaela Serrano, Cleo English, Carol Waxler, Ellen Dean, Pat Nelson.

**Undergoing Treatment/Rehab:** Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Maynard Wibom, Rev. Bettye Mixon, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Jerald & Sheila Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Noreen Slade, Wayne Russ, Brian Clinkenbeard.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

	4/9	Steven Enderle
4/3		Tyler Vails
	4/9	Gabriel Ruiz
4/7		Benjamin Guerrero
4/7		Dougal Whitmer

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Tara Arcenibia** has another stress fracture in her foot. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she struggles with her pain. Tara Arcenibia is in the hospital receiving testing because of health reasons and is currently in ICU. Tara and Ismael and their family need our prayers. I will send out another email when I hear anything more

**Dougal Whitmer's best friend of 45 years, Ron Resac**, passed away suddenly . Please pray for his family.

**Linda Gentry** has not been able to work for the past week because of her health problems. Please keep Linda and Jim in your prayers.

**Pastor Uziel went to see Henrietta Day and Jerald Grady.** They both send their love to all of us. Jerald is feeling better since his surgery. Please keep Henrietta and Jerald and Sheila in your prayers.

**Our congregation would like to thank Janie Kellerman** for the fantastic power points we have every Sunday during our worship service. It takes a lot of work searching the internet for the special pictures and then putting everything together and we are blessed to have her doing it for us.

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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