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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 1st, 2022 – 10:00am - Third Sunday in Easter - Year C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

His Eye Is On The Sparrow
by Charles Gabriel arr. by Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER(Unison)

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.

Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

We give thanks our God, today and always.

*OPENING HYMN:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154 (vss.1,3,6)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we can be so sure that we know what is best. We head into life following our own dreams. Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace, that we may gain new vision. When despair and sadness overwhelm us, and when hope fails us, teach us to dance to the music of your love. Open us up, O God, that we may see your path, walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. AMEN

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. God is at work, transforming our sorrow, giving us hope for a new day.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Ukrainian National Anthem
by Mykhailo Verbytsky arr. by Jason Tonioli

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON):**

O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelations 5:11-14

A reading from revelations. . .

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:1-19

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 21st chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

²¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

"Why praise the lamb?"

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving (Psalm 30, Revelation 5, John 21)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Rejoice and be glad.

We praise God with joy.

Thanks be to God.

We thank God with our whole hearts.

We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn. Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

Worthy is our God and worthy is Jesus Christ! Power and might be yours! Wisdom and honor be yours! Glory and blessing be yours! Amen and amen. Now and forever. Amen.

You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim this mystery:

Christ was with us from the beginning. Christ is with us today. Christ will be with us until the end of time.

Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, bread and wine. Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send your Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. All praise is yours, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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:**

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159 (vss. 1,3,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

Go forth to feed and tend God's people. Do so because you love Jesus, and because Jesus loves and needs you. May the abundant blessings of God's love surround and feed you, as God renews you day by day.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

The Crusaders
by William Stickles

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Announcements
May 1st, 2022

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

Pastor Audrey will be visiting our bible studies on May 4th.

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

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: We feel blessed to have our flower altar chart back, it is available in our office wall please feel free to pass and choose a date.

****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, Linda Gentry.

BIRTHDAYS

5/2	Mark Dean	5/2	Maynard Wibom
		5/4	Audrey Brown
5/2	David Jacobson		
5/2	Leslie LeBeau		

Joys and Concerns

We hope you will worship with us again.

Due to COVID-19, our physical building is at limited capacity. Call the office for more information.

Our office hours are Tuesday - Thursday 10 am to 1 pm.

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