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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 7, 2022 – 10:00am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Year C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

Because He Lives
by Bill and Gloria Gaither

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (unison):

God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise, we pray. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God called Abraham and Sarah and promised to bless them.

Through faith, they obeyed and received God's inheritance.

God called Isaac and Jacob, as heirs of that promise.

They too followed in faith, seeking God's realm.

God calls us to join them, as heirs with the faithful.

We come here in faith, assured by the hope that was fulfilled in the lives of your servants.

*OPENING HYMN:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

God of unfailing love, it is often hard to remain faithful. You ask us to share our wealth with those in need, yet we hoard our possessions and guard our wealth. You call us to rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow, yet our pursuits are often self-serving, ignoring those in need of our care. Forgive us and cleanse us, O God. Move us to be a people of justice and propel us on the path of love. AMEN

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Though our sins are like scarlet, do not be afraid, for God has washed us clean. The Lord takes pleasure in opening God's realm to us. Rejoice and come in!

HYMN OF WORSHIP:

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH 710

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Just A Closer Walk With Thee
by R.E. Winsett

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice, and be your light in the world. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

HEBREWS 11:1-3,8-12

A reading from Hebrews . . .

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"The Gift of Faith"

Pastor Auderine Rochet

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:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452 (vss.1,2,4)

*BENEDICTION:

Go forth in faith with your lamps lit, dressed for action. Through us, Christ offers love to the world. Go forth to be a blessing to everyone you meet.

GOING FORTH:

How Can I Keep From Singing
by Robert Lowry

Erica Kessler

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays

1st Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.
- Studying the Book of Romans.

2nd Bible Study:

- Wednesdays
- With Pastor Audrey 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, Art Huenkemeier, Lee Magnuson.

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

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, 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, David Russ, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith.

BIRTHDAYS

	8/12	Autumn Lilly Brown
8/9		Sheila Grady
	8/13	Fredy Mejia
8/11		David Brown

Joys and Concerns

Anna Kelsey Powell (daughter of Pastors Keith and Judith) was on a mission trip and came home with covid. She feels okay and thank heavens her family has not gotten it from her. Please keep her and her family in your prayers that it remains that way.

Ismael Arencibia had some really good news as he finally was able to get his drivers license and green card. It has been a very long time coming. Congratulations and we are so happy for Ismael and Tara.

Kim Whitmore went to UW Madison and was able to find out when her surgery might be happening. She has to be nicotine free and the test results have not come back yet, but if she is negative then the surgery time will hopefully be in a month. Please pray for Kim and Chuck.

Bev Dahlgren's friends Kathy and Steve still need our prayers. Steve is back in the hospital and it not doing well. On top of the damaged heart and other organs, he also has covid. He will be entering hospice this week. Please pray he will be free from his health problems soon.

We hope you will worship with us again.

You can call Pastor Audrey if you need any assistance, please contact her at 630.670.3580.

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