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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 29, 2023 – 10:00am

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON, by John Hatton

arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Jesus, Name Above All Names

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Come, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways. In our confusing world, many voices demand our attention. Teach us to look with your eyes. Help us walk humbly beside you—doing what is right, speaking your truth. You alone are our guide and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let us walk in God's ways.

Let us listen for God's word.

We will dwell here in God's tent.

We will sing God's praises.

*OPENING HYMN:

The Church's Foundation

UMH 545 (vss 1,4,5)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We hunger and thirst for righteousness but find ourselves feeling empty. We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and lost. We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments. We want to make peace, but we don't even know where to begin. Come with your wisdom and guide us in your ways. Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as you walk beside us. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus speaks words of blessing to those who struggle, offering joy and gladness each and every day.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

O How He Loves You and Me

TFWS 2108

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

God does not want extravagant gifts. God wants people who value justice and faithful love, people who walk with God. Let us give freely today so that others may experience justice and love. Give so that others may walk beside God.

OFFERTORY:

I Need The Every Hour
by Robert Lowrey
arr. by Fascinato and Ford

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, you give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in return. We bring these gifts to you today, that they may support your work of justice. Through this offering, we commit ourselves to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with you. 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

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from Romans...

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 4:23-24

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter, beginning with the 23rd verse...

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

“Called to be Worshippers”
Pastor Auderine Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Living for Jesus

TFWS 2149 (vss 1,3,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

No matter where life takes you, God is with you. Go from this place filled with joy, trusting the blessings promised by our God, the bestower of faithful love.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Pastorale
by William Stickles

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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 John

2nd Bible Study:

- Wednesdays
- With Pastor Audrey in Spanish, 4pm.

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.

Volunteers needed to help with the children's ministry. Assist Dave during Sunday School. We need volunteers for Sundays.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Home: *Carol Risenhoover, Carol Waxler, Ellen Dean, Pat Nelson, Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera.*

BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Brian Gomez

Joys and Concerns

1. Please continue with your prayers and love for **Linda Gentry** as she continues to go through testing for the tumor on her kidney. Once her testing is complete her surgery to remove the kidney will be scheduled.
2. **Margie Sierra** has asked for prayers as she is going through physical and mental problems. We are praying and sending our love to you.
3. **Pastor Audrey and her cousin Rosie's** (who is visiting from Arizona) aunt who lives in Puerto Rico had a heart attack a few weeks ago and needs our prayers as she is struggling with her health. Please keep her, her family and Pastor Audrey and Rosie in your prayers.
4. **Ellen Dean** is doing well but needs our prayers as she settles in her new home at St Annes.
5. Please continue to keep **Pam Herriott** in your prayers as she heals from her fall down the stairs.
6. What a blessing that **Carol Risenhoover** is finally able to be home after more than two months in rehab. Please continue to pray for her recuperation.
7. **Ruben Mendoza** continues to ask for prayers for Rosa as she undergoes testing and preparation for surgery which has not been scheduled yet. Also, for Jesus (Rosa's brother) who is diagnosed with cancer.
8. **Marines Delgado** requests prayers for her family.

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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