

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 5, 2023 – 10:00am
Fifth 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:

"He Is Exalted"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but a fast of righteous. You ask us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and set the captives free. Train our hearts to do what is right, O God, not what is easy. May we live our days among the righteous, that we may never be moved, but dwell secure in your mercy and your grace. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They shine their light before others for all the world to see.

They will never be moved.

Let this be our worship.

*OPENING HYMN:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest. We long to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill, resplendent in justice and righteousness for all the world to see. Shine through us this day, for we seek to reflect your glory in all that we say and in all that we do. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The righteous will never be moved. Their hearts are firm and secure in the Lord. May your passion for justice and righteousness keep you near the heart of God.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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):

Radiant One, source of every good gift, we thank you for the light you shine in our lives; we praise you for the joy you bring to our hearts. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, feed the hungry, and let the oppressed go free. Bless this offering and the ministries it supports, that your light may chase away the shadows in places lost to hopelessness and despair. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter, beginning with the 13rd verse...

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

“You Are Salt, You Are Light”
Pastor Auderine Rochet

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:**

I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light

UMH 206

***BENEDICTION:**

You are the salt of the earth; so be salty. You are the light of the world; let your light shine. May your thirst for justice and righteousness be like a city on the hill that cannot be hid. Go with the blessings of the one who makes us salt and light.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday February 22nd 12:15 - 12:45 bilingual service

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES: We will be having two "Sunday Soup Lunches" between the services starting sat 11:15am on February 26th and March 26th

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

		2/9	Laquisha Dixon
2/2	Brian Gomez	2/9	Veronica Gomez
2/5	Jill Vails	2/11	Miriam Jacobson
2/7	Jonathan Garcia	2/11	Benora Howard Purifoy
2/8	Jesus 'Beto' Garza		
2/8	Julio Garza		

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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