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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 12, 2023 — 10:00am Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:	Erica Kessler
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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:

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 quide 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 0 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 GodPeople: 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.

Good Samaritan Fund. Our Good Samaritan Fund is below \$300. Money in this fund is used to help church members with financial assistance for housing, food and medical bills. If you would like to donate to boost this fund, please put your check in the collection plate. Make sure you put Good Samaritan Fund on the memo line. Your consideration to contribute to this fund is very much appreciated.

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.

<u>Undergoing Treatment/Rehab:</u> 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

2/13 Sandy Rivas

2/15 Carol Waxler

2/16 Carol Risenhoover

2/17 Nicholas Berry

Joys and Concerns

- 1. **Dave Holland requests prayers for Terrica** who is in the hospital in Madison. Prayers for a quick recovery.
- 2. **Linda Gentry** is still waiting for the surgery to remove her malignant kidney. She was told it will be sometime in March. The doctors are waiting to see if the tumor has metastasized. Please surround Jim and Linda with all your love and prayers as they await her surgery.
- 3. **Carol Risenhoover** still has a lot of pain in her leg the doctors are trying to find out what the reason is. Please keep Carol in your prayers and send her your love.
- 4. **Terry Vails (Sharon Sodergren's son in law)** has pulmonary fibrosis a disease that usually affects someone in their late 60's. Terry is only 54 so he has a chance for a double lung transplant. He and Jill are at Mayo's for a 10 day testing to see if he qualifies. Please pray he does.
- 5. **Ken Dahlgren (Bev's husband)** is still waiting for an appointment with a surgeon to repair his broken shoulder. He is still in tremendous pain but the pain medicine he is on is helping although it makes him very loopy and he just sits in his chair. Please keep Ken and Bev in your prayers.
- 6. **Jeff Palmer** requested prayers for Grace's mother who is ill and not feeling well.
- 7. **Marines Delgado** thanks God for another birthday. She also continues to request prayers for her children and grandchildren.
- 8. **Prayers for Milka** who is still undergoing tests.
- 9. **Ruben Mendoza requests prayers for Rosa** who is undergoing tests and soon will have surgery; also prayers for his brother-in-law Jesus who is suffering from cancer.

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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