

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 26, 2023 – 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He Hideth My Soul
by William Kirkpatrick
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

He is Exalted

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Temptation surrounds us every day.

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Opportunities to stray litter our path.

Happy are those whose sin is covered.

Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

God's grace brushes us off.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

God's love meets us here

*OPENING HYMN:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH 269 (vss 1,2,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray. Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation; we often heed voices that cause us to stray. Return us to the garden of your abiding love, for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship the one who forgives our transgressions and covers our sin. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is greater than our failings; God's grace is greater than our sin.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

TFWS 2112

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

OFFERTORY:

The Green Cathedral

CHIMES TRIO

Erica Kessler

Jan Rungren

Janie Kellermann

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus'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 4:1-11

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' [b]"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,

and they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' [c]"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' [d]"

- 8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”
- 10** Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’ [e]”
- 11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

“The Temptation of Jesus”
Pastor Auderine Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

It is Well With My Soul

UMH 377 (vss 1,2,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

Go with joy.

Our transgressions are forgiven.

Go with hope.

Our sin is covered.

Go with love.

Our hearts are uplifted by the tender mercies of our God.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Sweet Beulah Land by Squire Parsons, Jr.
plus
Beulah Land, the hymn by Edgar P. Stites

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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: will resume Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00pm.

- Wednesdays
- With Pastor Audrey in Spanish, 6:00 pm. In person at the church.

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 LUNCHEs: We will be having two "Sunday Soup Lunches" between the services starting sat 11:15am on February 26th and March 26th A free will offering will be collected and designated to the "Good Samaritan" fund.

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.

The worship team for the Spanish service has practice Saturdays at 1:00pm.

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

LENT & HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Feb, 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday	12:15 – 12:45 pm Bilingual
Feb. 26, 2023	Lenten Soup Lunch	11:15 am
Mar. 26, 2023	Lenten Soup Lunch	11:15 am
April 2, 2023	Palm Sunday	10:00 am
April 6, 2023	Maundy Thursday	12:15 – 12:45 pm Bilingual
April 7. 2023	Good Friday	12:15 – 1:00 pm Bilingual
April 6, 2023	Easter Sunday	10:00 am Bilingual

****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

2/28 Kyle Brown
3/2 Jesus Cruz
3/2 Steven Gomez
3/2 Marlene Wibom

Joys and Concerns

1. **Milka Rivera** had a joy. She got the job for driving the school bus. She is very grateful to God and for the prayers of the church.
2. **Sharon Sodergren** shared that Bev and Joyce are feeling better.
3. **Erica Kessler** requested prayers for her sister Janet for healing.
4. **Ruben Mendoza** gave thanks to God that Rosa's surgery went well and she is home getting better; he requested we continue to pray for Jesus, his brother-in-law, who is diagnosed with cancer.
5. **Maria Celia Torres** requested prayers for her family and a trip she will be taking to Mexico.
6. **Miriam Luna** gave thanks to God for his provisions and she also requested prayers, along with her sister, for their mother Maria Morales who is ill; Miriam also gives thanks that her son turned 15 years old. He was 4 years old when they came to Centennial United Methodist Church.

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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