

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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March 5, 2023

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 5, 2023 – 10:00am
Second Sunday in Lent - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

In The Sweet By and By
by Joseph P. Webster
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

"I Just Came to Praise the Lord" x2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers and praise. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe into our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your promise of blessing. In faith and trust, we pray. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God calls with a blessing.

Our help is in God.

God calls with a promise.

Our help is in God.

God calls through our questions.

Our help is in God.

God calls through the Spirit.

Our help is in God.

*OPENING HYMN:

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and to trust your grace. In faith and hope, we pray. AMEN.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God will keep you from all evil and bless you with renewal and grace. God will hold your life and lift you up, both now and forevermore.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

O God Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117 (vss. 1,2, 6)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice
by Lewis Hartsough
arr. by Johnie Dean

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

God, our help, and our hope, bless these gifts, that they may bring help to the needy and hope to the despairing. Bless us this day, that our very lives may be gifts of help and hope for your 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

Genesis 4:1-9

A reading from Genesis...

¹ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man."² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Committed to the Discipleship Path"
Pastor Auderine Rochet

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

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.

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:**

Faith is Patience in the Night

TFWS 2211 (1,2,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

As we have been helped,

God sends us to help God's world.

As we have been restored,

Christ sends us to restore others with love.

As we have received the Spirit,

the Spirit sends us to share our spirits with kindness and compassion for all.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Solemn Procession
by Denes Agay

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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.

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

3/5 Karina Salazar
3/5 Jennifer Teasdale
3/6 Maggie Orlando
3/9 Olivia Stone

Joys and Concerns

1. **Tara Arencibia** is thankful that she is getting better. She is also thankful that her daughter **Dani** had a colonoscopy and is doing ok.
2. **Bev Dahlgren** is thankful to be in church this Sunday. She is feeling much better and so is **Ken** even though he is still recuperating from his injury.
3. **Milka Rivera** is thankful for her new job and will begin training this coming week.
4. **Joseline John** requested prayers for **Jolina** who had a head injury, was taken to the hospital, and it turned out to be a concussion. We pray that she is well.
5. **Marines Delgado** requests prayers for her grandson who was taken to the emergency room. Also, for her son **Eloy** who is also in need of prayer.
6. **Erica Kessler** requested prayers for both of her sisters, **Becky and Janet**, for their health.

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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