

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 12, 2023 – 10:00am
Third Sunday in Lent - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

Waymaker
by Osinachi Okoro

INTROIT:

"I Just Came to Praise the Lord" x2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Worship the Lord and sing God's praises.

We come into the Lord's presence with songs of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

We rejoice in our time together.

Drink of Christ's living water.

We thirst for God's love!

*OPENING HYMN:

All Who Hunger

TFWS 2126

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Giver of Life, we know we have shortcomings. In the depth of our hearts, we struggle to leave our failures behind. Teach us that suffering brings endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character brings hope. With your grace undergirding our lives, grant us the patience and persistence to claim a place in your holy Kin-dom. May we become your living water in the wilderness of this world, creating space for your hope and faith. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, and the woman at the well, living water is within reach. We need not thirst for eternal life ever again, for the well of God's blessing is full and God's love is poured out for all.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236 (vss. 1,2,4)

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:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Chimes Trio

Erica Kessler

Jan Rungren

Janie Kellermann

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Protector God, we hear your voice beckoning us to be your hands and your feet in the world. Show us a way through the wilderness of life, with knapsacks filled with blessings and vessels of living water for a hurting world. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. 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

John 4:5-26

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 4th chapter, beginning with the 5th verse...

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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.” ²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

“Thirst No More”
Pastor Auderine Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Fill My Cup, Lord

TFWS 3093 (VSS. 1,2,3)

***BENEDICTION:**

May the Lord of the wilderness continue to share life-giving waters of hope, love, and faith in our lives. May we have the wisdom to seek Christ’s gifts—gifts of love, gifts of hope, gifts of diversity, and gifts of faith to serve others along the way.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Ukrainian National Anthem
by Mykhailo Verbytsky
arr. by Jason Tonioli

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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.

United Women in Faith March Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 1:00 pm in-person at church and via Zoom

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

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, Linda Gentry.*

BIRTHDAYS

3/14 Rachel Ruiz
3/16 Jennifer Johnson
3/17 Carleton Dean
3/18 Aylin Medina

Joys and Concerns

- **Dave Holland** requested prayers for **Terrica** who is not feeling well again. He also requested prayers for a co-worker, **Marsha**, who lost her husband. He requests prayers for her and her family.
- **Linda Gentry** is having her surgery today March 6. The doctors will be removing the kidney that has the tumor. We pray the cancer has not spread to other parts of her body. I will send out another email as soon as I receive anymore news. Please keep Linda and Jim in your heart and send them your love.
- **Bruce and Mimi Jacobson's friend Randy** is suffering from esophageal cancer. There is nothing that can be done for him and he is on hospice. Please keep the Jacobson's and their friends family in your prayers.
- **Kim Whitmore** is in the hospital with an infection. This coming Friday, she will be going back to UMW in Madison for further surgery. Kim and Chuck need our prayers.
- **Milka Rivera** has been in training to become a school bus driver and has received her permit. She used to be an over the road truck driver so she has had a lot of road experience and the Rockford School District is very lucky to have her driving the children. Congratulations Milka. The good thing for our church is that we won't be losing her as our administrative Assistant as she will be able to still work for us.
- On Saturday, March 4th several of our members went to **Pastor Bettye Mixon's** memorial service in the Chicago area. The service and the tributes to her were beautiful. She was our beloved pastor from 2000 to 2008 when she retired.
- **Marines Delgado** is thankful for the prayers. She had surgery last Thursday and everything is going well. She feels good. She also gave thanks for the prayers for her grandson who was in delicate care due to an infection in his lungs. He is recuperating well and is at home with his family.
- **Rosa Mendoza** requests prayers for a surgery she will be having this coming week.
- **Nathaniel Rivera** gave thanks to God because he has raised his grade in math. He was having a difficult time with that class.
- **Erica Kessler** requests prayers for her sisters **Janet and Rebecca**.

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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