

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023 – 10:00am
Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

I Will Arise And Go To Jesus
from William Walker's Southern Harmony
arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT:

"I Just Came to Praise the Lord" x2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our minds to the flame of your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

The Light of the world shines in our lives.

Put aside the cares of the night.

In the Lord, we live in the light.

Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.

Sleeper, awake! Christ's light is shining.

The Light of the world shines in our lives.

*OPENING HYMN:

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430 (VSS. 1,3,4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

In our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand. In our blindness, we fail to see others as you do. Yet, we long to see as you see and to perceive as you perceive. We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light of your love. Help us behold your glory this day, that we might reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Israel's shepherd is our shepherd. The Light that leads us through the darkest valleys anoints us with love, fills our cup to overflowing, and brings us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

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:

Erica Kessler

Meditation
by William Stuckles

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day: for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed 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")

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from Samuel...

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'"³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." **13** So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Leader: The Word of God
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Finding Your Call"
Pastor Auderine Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

UMH 128 (vss. 1,3,4)

***BENEDICTION:**

Go forth in the light of God.

We will walk as children of light.

Go forth in the warmth of Christ's love.

We will travel as children of love.

Go forth in the flame of God's Spirit.

We will live as children of the Most High.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Bourree 1
by J.S. Bach
arr. by Agnes Zimmermann

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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

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

3/24 Joyce Russ

3/25 Christian Berndt

Joys and Concerns

- 1. Chuck Whitmore** has a joy. **Kim** was discharged the same day of her surgery, she is home and in recovery. All went well with her surgery.
- 2. Cindy Whitmer** had a couple joys and one prayer request. Their granddaughter turned 21 and they are very thankful for her. Their grandson joined the coast guard six weeks ago and they recently heard from him. It is hard he says but he is doing well. Cindy requested prayers for her grandson Mason who is suffering from anxiety and it is affecting his schooling. Let's keep Mason in our prayers.
- 3. Marines Delgado** had a joy which is that her grandson is home recuperating well. She also feels well from her procedure.
- 4. Ruben Mendoza** requests prayers for his brother-in-law as he battles cancer; he also requested prayers for his wife Rosa.

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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