

# Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2023 – 10:00am

Ascension Sunday - Year A

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

He's Everything To Me  
by Ralph Carmichael

## INTROIT:

Come, Now is the time to Worship

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING WORDS

Lifting his hands, Jesus blessed them.

## OPENING PRAYER:

**Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us gather in this space.

**We gather from many places.**

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God's blessing.

**God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved! Amen!**

## \*OPENING HYMN:

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

UMH 103 (vss 1,2,3)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Life-giving God, we receive your blessing, but we don't always feel worthy to receive it. Your call often confuses us, and your love seems too generous. We worship and pray, yet we still count the times we fall short of what we think you expect of us. Your mercy is abundant, but we hesitate to open our hearts to receive it. Get our attention and draw us closer to you, that we may know the relief of your assurance. As we pray to you, hear our prayers. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our faithful prayers and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion. Christ advocates on our behalf; through him, we are forgiven.

## HYMN OF WORSHIP

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH 173 (vss 1,2,3)

## 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

We are blessed by God's word. Let us respond boldly to God's grace with abundant giving for the mission and ministry of this church.

### OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Legends Of The Fall  
*by James Horner*

### \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

**Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, 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 READING:

John 17:1-11

***Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to John the 17th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...***

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. <sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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

**SERMON:**

“A Prayer for His Disciples”  
Pastor Audrey Rochet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH 413 (vss 1,2,4)

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Christ is lifted up! As he withdrew, he offered a blessing. Receive his blessing today and be commissioned to serve God in this world. Offer healing to the broken and care to the empty. Transform the world through your faithfulness. Amen.

**GOING FORTH:**

Erica Kessler

I Found What I Wanted (When I Found The Lord)  
*by Ralph Carmichael*

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# Announcements

May 21, 2023

## **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 on Wednesdays at 6:00pm date to be announced.

- 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](mailto: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 have a new flower chart, please select a date to provide flowers if you would like to. The arrangements will be between \$25-30 make your check to Centennial UMC and put flowers in the memo line.

**Good Samaritan Fund.** Our Good Samaritan Fund is low. 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.

**Pentecost Sunday is May 28, 2023.** Please wear red on that Sunday in celebration of Pentecost.

## **Taste of Centennial**

One of the things that was lost in the Pandemic was the Taste of Centennial. We are exploring the feasibility of bringing the event back. Members sharing their varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds through food is an important part of this event but there are more roles to fill to make this possible. In order to bring this back we would need commitments from other groups to help with set up, clean up, assistance to those attending with directions, seating and beverages for example.

Without the additional support the Taste of Centennial will not be possible. There are sign-up sheets at the church office counter. If you are interested in the possibility of the event returning and helping with any of the tasks needed to be successful, contact: Milka Rivera at 1(815)397-2771

**Celebrating the Prairie North District ministry of DS Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer!** The event will start on Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 pm with a worship service at Freeport: First UMC, 503 N. Lily Creek Road in Freeport, IL 61032. The service will be followed by a receiving line and refreshments.

**Sunday June 25th we will have a special acknowledgment prayers for all graduates.** Please complete a form for each graduate. The form copies will be in the church office. Please send photos to the church office email: [Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com](mailto:Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com). Forms and pictures are due by June 18th.

Anyone who has not been baptized and would like to be baptized please speak to Pastor Audrey.

**184th Northern IL Annual Conference** is Tuesday June 6 - Thursday June 8, 2023. Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N Thoreau Dr, Schaumburg IL. Registration closes May 28. No on-site registration.

If you would like to share any of our ministry event photos on our social media page please send the pictures to our church email: [Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com](mailto:Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com).

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.

## **\*\*PRAYER LIST\*\***

***At W. Willows:*** Art Huenkemeier.

***At Home:*** Carol Risenhoover, Carol Waxler, Pat Nelson, Aida DeJesus.

***Undergoing Treatment/Rehab:*** Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Pat Nelson, David Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forrest Nelson, Jeff Palmer, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, Linda Gentry.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

5/22 Steve Enderle

5/24 Eugenio Mejia

5/25 Matthew Vails

5/26 Pamela Herriott

## **Joys and Concerns**

1. **Ismael had a joy to celebrate.** He was able to give Tara a wedding ring that he had not been able to give her until now. We are so happy for them. Congratulations Ismael and Tara!
2. **Dave Holland requested prayers for Caylee, Jason, Ted and Sandra** who all have strep throat. Let's keep the family in our prayers.
3. **Kim Whitmore had a joy** and that is that after having a stroke and being in the hospital for three days she was able to be with us Sunday for our service. Let's continue to pray for Kim as she continues her recovery. We are thankful she is home and recovering.
4. **Bev Dahlgren** shared a joy which is that Katie is now working with the special olympics. She also shared the joy that Amanda will be going to state.
5. **Pam Sanders** also shared a joy about Jolena who once again was on the news. We love Jolena and pray about her going to state.
6. **Joseline John** shared the joy that **Idan** had his first race at school this past Saturday and he chose Jolena to run with him. It was very fun.
7. **Marines Delgado** continues to request prayers for her daughter and grandchildren in Mexico. They are in a very dangerous area and requests prayers for protection and that they may be safe.

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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