

Centennial Multicultural United Methodist Church

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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 28, 2023 – 10:00am

Pentecost Sunday - Year A

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

by Hassler/Beethoven

arr. by Marilyn Ham

INTROIT:

Come, Now is the time to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

Created by one God, blessed and sustained by one Spirit, all are welcome here.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago. Breathe in us your new creation, that we may be renewed and revived to be your people once more. Speak through our differences and our diversity, and bind us together in unity and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Coming from different places,

we gather as one church, one community of faith.

Bringing different gifts,

we come to offer ourselves as we are.

Blessed by one Spirit,

we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.

*OPENING HYMN:

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

TFWS 2119 (X2)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Refreshing wind of God, whisper the truth of your love to us. Where we are breathless with sin and regret, breathe new life into us through your mercy and your grace. Where we stand firm in our divisions, re-mold us with your mighty power, that we might rise in unity and love. Renewing wind of the Spirit, help us recognize our gifts, that we may use them for your glory. For we yearn to proclaim your presence in all that we say and in all that we do. In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who call upon the name of God are saved. By calling on God and confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit re-creates us anew and saves us by Christ's grace. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF WORSHIP

You Alone are Holy

TFWS 2077

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Lord we lift up these joys and concerns before you. We pray that you continue to guide us and lead us in your will. Thank you for the joys and help us in our times of need for your divine intervention. Amen.

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

Bring your gifts, whatever they may be. For, together, we possess all that we need to bless God's world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

His Will
by William Gaither

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Creative Spirit, create miracles through the gifts we return to you now. Create miracles through us, as we give our lives back to you. Create miracles through our gifts, as we share them with one another. Truly, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of the parts, thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and in our church. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:1-13

A reading from Acts...

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

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

SERMON:

“Rivers of Living Waters”
Rev. Jane Bradford

***CLOSING HYMN:**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540 (vss 1,2,3)

***BENEDICTION:**

As you have blessed this gathering,

bless us as we go our separate ways.

Bless us as we share your gifts.

Bless us as we live in your presence.

Bless us to be one body,

even in our different places this week.

Bless us to be one holy Church,

a church that shares your love with all.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
by James M. Black

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Announcements

May 28, 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 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.

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

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. 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.

Pastor Audrey will be on vacation from May 28 thru June 9, 2023. Rev. Violet Johnicker, Lead pastor at Brooke Road United Methodist Church, will be the pastor available for any pastoral care needs. She can be reached from May 29 thru June 2nd. Rev. Violet's contact number is (847) 651-4857. June 3 thru June 9 you can reach Pastor Audrey for any pastoral care needs. She will be in town.

On Sunday, May 28, 2023, Rev. Jane Bradford of Christ United Methodist Church will be preaching at Centennial United Methodist Church. On Sunday, June 4, 2023, Rev. Violet Johnicker will be preaching at Centennial United Methodist Church.

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

5/29 Karen Russ

5/31 Jolena John

6/1 Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

6/1 Annie Herriott

6/3 Craig Brown

Joys and Concerns

Cindy and Dougal Whitmer shared a joy which is that they were both able to graduate from the Citizen's Police Academy in Rockford. It was an 8 week course meeting once a week. We celebrate this joy with them.

Chuck Whitmore shared that Kim is getting better but still needs to be seen by the doctors and will be tested to find out what caused her stroke. Let's continue to keep Kim in our prayers.

Melissa, Marlene Wibom's daughter, shared a joy and that is that her nephew Matthew is graduating high school and her niece is graduating middle school.

Pam Sanders shared the joy that Jolena received a medal which was shown on the news.

Bev Dahlgren shared a joy. **Amanda Gustafson** (Bev's granddaughter) won first place down state in shot putt and ninth place in discus. Winnebago Girls Team won first place down state. Congratulations to Amanda and all the rest of the girls

Guilford High School came in 6th place in the State track competition. Jolena (granddaughter of Jeff and Gracie Palmer) was involved in the tournament. Congratulations!

Janie Kellerman shared that at Mae Foster's Memorial service Saturday she saw her daughter Martha and she expressed that she was very happy to see all of the Centennial members that visited. She would like to come visit Centennial UMC soon. We will keep Martha and her family in prayer.

Marines Delgado gives thanks for the prayers for her family in Mexico. Her daughter is planning a trip to visit her and the process to come is going well.

Pam Sanders is asking for prayers for Steve and Brenda Enderle. Steve will be having a six hour surgery in Madison on Wed May 24th. They are the parents of Megan and Brian Jaworowski. Please pray for strength.

Erica Kessler requests prayers for her sister Becky. Prayers for her health.

Reynaldo Barrera requests prayers for himself.

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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