

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 26th, 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

We Declare Your Majesty

*Words & Music by Malcolm du Plessis; arr. Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio, piano;
John Tiffin, keyboard*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Zach Clark, Leader

It is good to be here in this sacred space,
in the shelter of God's love and hope.
It is good to be here with folks we know well,
as well as with new friends,
**joining with all of God's beloved,
sisters and brothers of Jesus.**
It is good to be here, where we can hear
God's voice,
**calling us to be eyewitnesses to the
Spirit's presence, to follow Jesus,
to serve God in the world.**

Hymn 103

***Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise***

Opening Prayer

**O God of the covenant, the cloud of your
splendor and the fire of your love revealed your
Son on the mountain heights. Transform our love
in his image, write your law of love upon our hearts,
and make us prophets of your glory, that we may
lead others into your presence. Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament	Exodus 24: 12 - 18 <i>Zach Clark, Reader</i>
Psalms	Psalm 99 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Open the Eyes of My Heart <i>Words & Music by Paul Baloche; Choral setting by Jack Schrader The Chancel Choir Julianne Arvizu, soloist Nick Werth, drums</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 17: 1 - 9
*Hymn 451	Be Thou My Vision
Message	We Don't Need a Mountain to Know <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Walk Together Children <i>Traditional Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan Henry Pleas, soloist Millete Silverio, piano</i>

TABLE

- *The Peace
- Great Thanksgiving
- The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (*seated, in silence*)

SENDING FORTH

- *Hymn 2173 (TFWS) **Shine, Jesus, Shine**
- *Dismissal & Blessing
- *Music **The God of Abraham Praise**
*Traditional Synagogue Melody;
arr. Gordon Young*

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WELCOME

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you and are honored you have come to worship with us. Here's some helpful things to know . . .

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to receive the bread and the cup while seated, in silence.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Today is the **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**, the last Sunday after the Epiphany and the Sunday before we begin the season of **LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1st, **ASH WEDNESDAY**. See below for Ash Wednesday details.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, we are making the sign of ashes available for those who desire them, from **5 pm to 7 pm**. A sheet of introduction and preparation will be provided; drop by, prayerfully prepare yourself, receive the sign of ashes and begin the holy season of Lent.

CONFIRMATION

This year during **LENT** we will offer a **CONFIRMATION** class (time to be arranged). The class, led by Pastor Haley, will meet the six weeks of Lent, with Confirmation on Easter, April 16th.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PAM CASTANEDA** in celebration of her wedding anniversary. The green altar cloths are given by the congregation.

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FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **ARVIZU** and **CAREY FAMILIES** in celebration of the birthdays of **EVAN** and **BEN ARVIZU** and **LILY, MATTHEW** and **SEAN CAREY**.

FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed are: **Cereal, Rice/Rice Dishes, Coffee/Tea and Shampoo/Conditioner**. Shopping reminder cards are available from **LOIS MARTIN**. If you forget to purchase the items above, bring a can of "anything" in your cupboard/pantry for the Food Pantry. All donations are welcome.

PASTORAL NOTES

Our prayers for healing for **HARRIET TIAHNYBIK**, who fell and broke her "other" hip last Sunday morning. Her hip has been repaired and she is now in rehab at McGaw Care Center. Please sign the Get Well card for Harriet, available in the Narthex.

UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW

The new **March/April** editions of the daily devotional booklets, **UPPER ROOM** and **ALIVE NOW**, are available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

What is Lent?

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday.



When is Lent?

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.



CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26th
Transfiguration of the Lord
8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, February 28th
6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

Wednesday, March 1st
Ash Wednesday (ashes offered from 5 to 7 pm)
7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 2nd
7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, March 5th
The 1st Sunday in Lent
8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

To add/remove someone from the Prayer List, contact the church office

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass
Carmen Ewing
Brian Gut
Leone O'Roark
Harriet Tiahnybik
Steve Winker

At Home:

Greg Arauco
Janet Casey
Lola Hessing
Carla Johnson
Russ Nelson
Wilma Oddivak
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader.....**Zach Clark**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom**
Pam Castaneda
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Arvizu and Carey Families**
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:
Christ Lives Today!
**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today and forever**