

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 12th, 2017

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

My Tribute

Andre Crouch

Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Sharon Carey, Leader

In this season of discipleship,

**God calls us to leave
our comfortable lives,**

to journey, like Abraham and Sarah,

**into that unknown country
called faith.**

On sleepless nights, in fear's shadows,

**we toss and turn
with doubt's questions,**

hoping, like Nicodemus, to find Jesus

and find answers to our questions.

In this season of discipleship,

we long to follow Jesus,

**wherever he may go,
wherever he may lead.**

*Hymn 116

The God of Abraham Praise

Opening Prayer

**God of Love, you are always calling us on
new pilgrimages of faith. But we confess we are
fearful and reluctant to leave the familiar and the
comfortable behind, to begin anew. Give us brave
and adventurous hearts, that even in these times
of fear, perplexity and doubt, we may trust in you.**

Amen.

WORD

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| Old Testament | Genesis 12: 1 - 4a <i>Sharon Carey, Reader</i> |
| Psalm | Psalm 121 <i>The Grail Version</i> |
| Anthem | For God So Loved the World <i>Words & Music by Joseph M. Martin</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> |
| *Gospel | John 3: 1 – 17 |
| *Hymn | Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus <i>(Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)</i> <i>Carolyn Winfrey Gillette</i> |
| Message | Hidden No Longer <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i> |
| The Prayers | |
| Offering | What Wondrous Love is This <i>Traditional: arr. Stephen Nielson</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</i> |

TABLE

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| *The Peace | |
| Great Thanksgiving | |
| The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (<i>seated</i>) | |

SENDING FORTH

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| *Hymn 159 | Lift High the Cross |
| *Dismissal & Blessing | |
| *Music | Blessed Assurance <i>Fanny Crosby & Phoebe Knapp</i> <i>arr. Jerry Carraway</i> |

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you! 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.

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons will focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

March 12 - Jesus & Nicodemus (John 3: 1 - 17)

March 19 - Jesus & the Woman at the Well (John 4: 5 - 42)

March 26 - Jesus & the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1 - 41)

April 2 - Jesus & the Raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1 - 45)

April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday (entrance to Holy Week)

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross

April 16 - **EASTER**

WELCOME TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

If you are here today reading this in the presence of others - congratulations! - you successfully navigated the transition to **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**, which occurred at 2 am this morning. Now be nice to those who show up near the end of the service, who did not!

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BARB SMITH** in loving memory of her grandson, **LEAM**, and her husband, **MARVIN**. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID & MICHELE**.

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FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, today's Fellowship is hosted by the **BARRON FAMILY** in celebration of **CINDY'S** birthday.

EASTER LILIES

It's time to think about **EASTER LILIES!** Order forms are available today from the ushers. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 26th**. The cost per lily is \$9.

LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available each Sunday, and will be due **Sunday, April 2nd**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting.

To order, or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at klbuccola@aol.com, phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office. Please share the order form with neighbors and co-workers. For those who don't garden, consider a donation towards our church gardens. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY: THE SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR

Next Sunday, **March 19th**, we welcome the 30-member **SOUTH-EAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR** from Gypsum, Kansas. The choir consists of students who are members of three different South-east of Saline High School Choirs. Each singer is a voluntary member who loves to perform and is eager to travel and share their joy of music. In addition to attending worship, they will sing during the service, and afterwards join us downstairs for Fellowship, where we will host their lunch. Don't miss!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us for **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** next **Friday, March 17th** at **6 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in, followed by a movie.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 12 - Jan Rogoski
14 - Cindy Barron
17 - Jamie Arvizu
19 - Lisa Williams

To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12th

**The 2nd Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time
Change (2 am)**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, March 14th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)
7:30 pm - Confirmation Class 2

Wednesday, March 15th

9:30 am - Circle 8
7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 16th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day
6 pm - Ladies' Night Out

Saturday, March 18th

8:15 am - Food Depository

Sunday, March 19th

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow
4 pm - Confirmation Class 3

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 Odlivak
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today and forever***