

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 2nd, 2017

The 5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

***Largo from New
World Symphony***

Anton Dvorak

Millete Silverio, organ

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Alex Atkinson, Leader

In the buds on the trees eager to burst;
in the flowers poking their heads out of the dirt;
in the children chalking spring on the sidewalks:

**We see how you love us,
God of steadfast love.**

In the tears of a father worried over his son's illness;
in the weariness of a mother facing a long shift at
work; in the woman who anoints her grandbaby
with talcum powder:

**We see how you love us,
our Resurrection and our Life.**

In the touch of a wife on her husband's papery skin;
in the birds which rush into the sky before spiraling
down; in the words we offer to the empty-hearted:

**We see how you love us,
Breath of our souls.**

(Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymn

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

African American Spiritual

Opening Prayer

**Lord, today by your Spirit –
reanimate us like dry bones
from whatever depths and deaths
we find ourselves in,
that like Lazarus of old, awakened,
we may once again serve you
and sing your praise. Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

Alex Atkinson, Reader

Psalm

Psalm 130

The Grail Version

Anthem

Mary, Don't You Weep

Traditional Spiritual: adapted & arranged by Mary McDonald

The Chancel Choir

Nick Werth, drums

Gospel

John 11: 1 – 45

*Hymn 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Message

Lazarus Who Laughed

Pastor David L. Haley

The Prayers

Offering

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey; arr. Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano; John Tiffin,

keyboard, Nick Werth, drums

TABLE

*The Peace

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 707

Hymn of Promise

*Dismissal & Blessing

*Music

Toccata (Homage to Widor)

Gordon Young

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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 go forward, receive the bread, and dip it into the cup.

THE 5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **5th SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

Today - 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**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **SIMLA CORPUZ** in celebration of her birthday. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID** and **MICHELE**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, today's Fellowship is hosted by **MYLES GLASGOW, ED GUT** and **RON KONIOR**.

THE ELEVATOR IS "IN SERVICE"!

We are at long last glad to report that the elevator is repaired, inspected and approved, and **BACK IN SERVICE**. Thank you for your patience, your prayers, and especially your donations to make this happen: towards the total cost of \$23,000 for the repair, we received \$20,694. Thank you!

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FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all of you who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. **Today is the last Sunday to order flowers!** 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!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 2 - Diane Wolff-Klammer

8 - Bernice Herwald

9 - Sharon Carey

UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW

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

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday, 4/9, 10:30 am:

Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, 4/13, 7 pm:

Maundy Thursday (LC)

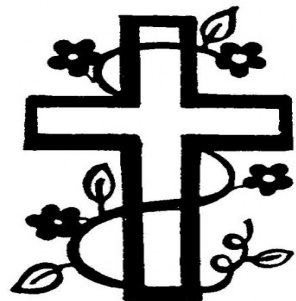
Friday, 4/14, 6 pm:

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

(outside, weather permitting)

Sunday, 4/16, 10:30 am:

Easter



CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2nd

The 5th Sunday in Lent

Food Pantry Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, April 4th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

7:30 pm - Confirmation 5

Wednesday, April 5th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, April 6th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, April 8th

8:15 am - Food Depository

Sunday, April 9th

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

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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.....**Alex Atkinson**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom**

Pam Castaneda

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Myles Glasgow, Ed Gut
and Ron Konior**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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