

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 15th, 2018

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

**Please stand as able*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

See What a Morning

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
arr. by Mary McDonald
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor Haley

*Call to Worship

Lily Carey, Leader

We are witnesses,

**to the love God has
poured into our hearts.**

We are witnesses,

**sharing God's love with
each person we meet.**

We are witnesses,

**to everyone we encounter,
little children like us, sisters
and brothers in God's family.**

(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymn 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, long ago, faithful witnesses
proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection
and the world changed forever. Help us to keep
faith with them, that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep and our faith as true. Amen.**

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas

WORD

First Reading	1 John 3: 1 – 7 <i>Lily Carey, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 4 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Christ is Risen (He is Risen Indeed) <i>Keith, Kristyn Getty & Ed Cash</i> <i>arr. by Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	Luke 24: 36b - 48
*Hymn 309	On the Day of Resurrection
Message	How Will We Know It's Jesus? <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Sing Hallelujah <i>Linda Stassen</i> <i>arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>Millete Silverio</i>

TABLE

*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 2269 (TFWS)	Come, Share the Lord
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Music	Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate <i>Gary Oliver; arr. by John Innes</i> <i>John Tiffin, Millete Silverio</i>

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and are honored that you have come to worship at Central today. 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; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion will be to come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BARB SMITH** in loving memory of her grandson, **LEAM SMITH**. There are still many open dates on the Altar Flower Calendar, (including next Sunday); Please choose a Sunday when you would like to provide flowers for the altar. Thank you for your faithful provision of altar flowers, keeping the altar beautiful week-by-week!

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **GERHARD** and **HESTER MELS**.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** will be this **Friday, April 20th** at **5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in followed by a movie. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend; 847-673-1311 or centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org.

SKOKIE'S SPRING GREENING

Today, **Sunday, April 15th, 10 am to 2 pm**, Skokie is holding a **RE-USE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF** at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. We are looking for volunteers to take recyclable items to Niles North or help putting "stuff" into the cars. Please see Pam Castaneda after church if you can help.

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CENTRAL'S NEXT PASTOR: THE REV. TIMOTHY BIEL, JR

Central's Staff-Parish Committee (Ferdinand Soco, Chair), along with Bishop Sally Dyck, and the Northern Illinois Conference Cabinet, have prayerfully discerned that Central's next pastor will be the **REV. TIMOTHY BIEL, JR.**

Rev. Biel has served under appointment in the Northern Illinois Conference since July 2001, most recently at Homewood: St. Andrew (2014–2018); Evergreen Park: First UMC (2008–2014); and as co-pastor of Cary UMC (2003–2008). Before that he also served as a licensed local pastor and student pastor.

Pastor Biel earned degrees from Northwestern University: Garrett E.T.S. and North Central College. These schools gave him opportunities to enrich his faith by learning from a diversity of leaders: Christian missionaries, archaeologists, and pastors, Jewish scholars, Muslim clerics, and Buddhist monks, feminist and LGBTQ advocates, playwrights, artists and songwriters. He welcomes interactions with all seeking the divine in this life.

When he isn't active in church leadership, he spends his time with his spouse, **VICTORIA**, and two sons, **OLIVER** and **TIMOTHY**. Together they enjoy organic-vegan gardening and cooking, sports, reading and spending time outdoors. The Biel family especially loves travelling to National Parks; he has the personal goal of leading worship in every state in the U.S. (12 more to go).

Rev. Biel has been appointed Central's pastor for the following missional reasons: he is community-minded, a good preacher, has a deep spirituality, and great interpersonal and pastoral care skills. Pastor Biel's pastoral leadership provides a safe place to grow in your faith in community by following the teaching of Jesus Christ, as well as a place where God's grace empowers us to be our best selves. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Biel and his family to the congregation on July 1st.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: APRIL 21ST

Scout Troop 72's annual "**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**" PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be next **Saturday, April 21st**, from **7:30 to 11:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. Troop 72 provides the service and supplies for this fundraiser, and then donates the proceeds to Central. We support it by eating pancakes (and donating). The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids 10 and under. Invite family and friends!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 18 - Ayush David

April 20 - Carla Johnson

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15th

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, April 18th

9:30 am - Circle 8

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, April 19th

7 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20th

5:30 pm - Ladies' Night Out

Saturday, April 21st

7:30 - 11:30 am -

Scout Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 22nd

The 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

At Home:

Nancy Blaylock

Janet Casey

Mavis Fowlin

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odilvak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**Lily 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.....**Gerhard and Hester Mels**

Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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