

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## **GATHERING**

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Prelude

### ***Holy Ground***

*Words & Music by Geron Davis;  
arr. by Jim Hammerly  
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

\*Call to Worship

*Zach Clark, Leader*

Fresh corn dripping with butter,  
juicy peaches topping our cereal:

**Praise is due you,  
God of the harvest!**

Children chasing fireflies in evening's shadows,  
families picnicking in backyards:

**Praise is due you,  
God of summer days!**

Mothers tightening training wheels on bikes,  
fathers teaching kids how to bait a hook:

**Praise is due you,  
God of our lives!**

*(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)*

\*Hymn 62

### ***All Creatures of our God and King***

Opening Prayer

**O God, we gather together in Your presence  
with expectation, hungry for an encounter with  
you, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and  
ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the  
seeds of your Word scattered among us this  
morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in  
our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant  
harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in  
the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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First Reading	<b>Genesis 25: 19 - 34</b> <i>Zach Clark, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 119: 105 - 112</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	<b>Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23</b>
*Hymn 601	<b>Thy Word</b>
Message	<i>Rev. Lisl Heymans Paul</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>In the Garden</b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Austin Miles</i> <i>Zach Clark, soloist</i>

## TABLE

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

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn 2190 TFWS	<b>Bring Forth the Kingdom</b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</b> <i>Traditional Spiritual</i> <i>arr. by Joel Raney</i> <i>Millete Silverio</i> <i>John Tiffin</i>

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*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME!

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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](http://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 today will be to go forward, receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

## REV. LISL HEYMANS PAUL

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**REV. LISL HEYMANS PAUL** is our preacher today. Born in South Africa, Lisl holds a M. Div. and a D. Min. degree (from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston). Lisl has served multiple congregations around Northern Illinois, Lisl lives in Evanston with her husband, Sumeet, and their two sons, Sampritam (Sammy) and Harmeet (Harry).

## 8:30 AM SUMMER SERVICE

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The **8:30 AM SUMMER SERVICE IN THE LOG CABIN** will resume next Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will continue through Labor Day weekend.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **ARDIS CONINX** in loving memory of her husband, **DONALD**. The **ALTAR CLOTHS** are a variety of cloths given by members.

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## MILLETE

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**MILLETE SILVERIO**, our Choir Director/Accompanist, is now recovering at home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

## STATEMENTS

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If you were unable to pick up your statement last Sunday of your giving through June 30, 2017, they are available in the Narthex and will be handed out by Doris after the service. A commitment card is also enclosed with the statement to assist you in making your financial commitment to Central for 2017.

## SUMMER GIVING

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Just a reminder that while summer is typically a lean time in church as people go on vacation, the bills keep on coming! You may give to **CENTRAL'S OPERATING FUND, BUILDING FUND**, or **MEMORIAL FUND** through today's offering, by mailing your donation to the church office, or electronically by going to [www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html). Don't forget: **GIVE BEFORE YOU GO!** Thank you for your gifts, however they are given!

## UPPER ROOM

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The **JULY/AUGUST** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the vestibule.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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July 16 - Pastor David Haley

July 18 - Ardis Coninx

July 22 - Anna Harbeck

July 23 - Patty Tiffin

*To add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or [central\\_church@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).)*

## **CALENDAR**

**Today, Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**(No 8:30 Worship)**

10:30 am - **Worship** (S)

Rev. Lisl Heymans Paul,  
preaching

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45 am - Food Depository

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am - **Worship** (LC)

10:30 am - **Worship** (S)

## **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  
Steve Winker

### **At Home:**

Greg Arauco  
Janet Casey  
Lola Hessing  
Russ Nelson  
Wilma Oddivak  
Millete Silverio  
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**  
Ministers .....**The People of the Congregation**

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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