

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 30th, 2017
8:30 & 10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

When Love is Found

arr. Joseph Martin

Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Gerhard Mels, Leader

The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

Like a mustard seed, growing.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

Like yeast in dough, fermenting.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

**Like treasure hidden in a field,
discovered.**

The kingdom of God is here, and coming:

**Like a precious pearl,
worth everything.**

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Thy kingdom come, O God.

*Hymn 140

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Opening Prayer

**God of small beginnings and great hope,
a tiny mustard seed grows into a very large plant,
and only a pinch of yeast leavens the whole loaf.
So it is with your kingdom, Lord, which seems
insignificant and puny at first, but then grows into
a world of change and new life. May your kingdom
grow in us, around us, and through us into all the
world. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading	Genesis 29: 15 - 28 <i>Gerhard Mels, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 105: 1 - 11, 45b <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52
*Hymn 405	Seek Ye First
Message	Look Around <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	City Called Heaven <i>African-American Spiritual;</i> <i>arr. Hall Johnson</i> <i>Sylvia Pleas, soloist</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</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 144	This is My Father's World
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Unshakable Kingdom <i>Michael W. Smith, Gloria & William Gaither</i>

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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; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **JEANNE PARKER** in celebration of her son, **JIM's**, 50th birthday.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Today is a Fifth Sunday, when we offer **PRAYERS FOR HEALING** following worship, for those who seek healing. Everyone who seeks healing for any reason is invited to participate.

LEONE O'ROARK, 101

LEONE O'ROARK, 101, passed away Wednesday, July 19th. Leone is survived by her sons, Robert (Phyllis) and Michael (Kristi), eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Granville, and her son, Joseph. A memorial service will be held after church on Sunday, October 1st, in celebration of Leone's birthday (September 30th) and her life. Following the death of Helen Bextel in May, Leone was Central's oldest member, and a member of Central for over 60 years. Now at rest, Leone will always be fondly remembered.

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FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed this month are: **Cereal, Canned Fruit or Vegetables, Coffee/Tea and Kleenex**. 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.

SUMMER GIVING

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. Don't forget: **GIVE BEFORE YOU GO!** Thank you for your gifts, however they are given!

UPPER ROOM

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 2 - Dorine Sobers

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

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, July 30th

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

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

Prayers for healing to follow

Sunday, August 6th

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
Steve Winker

At Home:

Janet Casey
Lola Hessing
Russ Nelson
Wilma Odlivak
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader.....**Gerhard Mels**
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***