

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**10:30 am**

*\*Please stand as able*

## **GATHERING**

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Prelude

### ***Morning Has Broken***

*Mark Hayes & Doug Wagner  
John Tiffin*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor Timothy Biel Jr.*

\*Call to Worship

*Alex Atkinson*

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep

**So God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost  
coin until it is found.

**So God rejoices over one soul restored to  
wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward  
son,

**So God welcomes us, and lets the past be  
the past.**

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving  
that we are received.

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice  
over one another in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Amen. (by Ruth Duck)**

\*Hymn 555

### ***Forward Through the Ages***

Opening Prayer

*by Bruce Pewer "Brief Prayers for Busy  
People"*

**Most loving God,**

**you are the holy Joy that first sent the stars  
spinning across space,  
the creative Joy that destined life on earth,  
the loving Joy that created humanity to  
crave for your fellowship,  
the redeeming Joy that became human  
flesh in Jesus of Nazareth,  
and the deathless Joy that promises to  
complete all that you have so wonder-  
fully commenced.**

**Scatter our doubts and stir any dismal spirits, that  
we may worship you with a joy which reflects your  
delight in all that you have made.**

**Through Christ, Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

*Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

## WORD

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First Reading	<b><i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i></b> <i>Alex Atkinson, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b><i>Psalm 51: 1 - 12</i></b> <i>New Revised Standard Version</i>
*Gospel	<b><i>John 6: 24 - 35</i></b>
*Hymn 2157	<b><i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i></b>
Message	<i>Pastor Timothy Biel Jr.</i>
Hymn 626	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
The Prayers	
Offering	<b><i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i></b> <i>Mark Hayes &amp; Doug Wagner</i> <i>John Tiffin, Organ</i>

## TABLE

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Great Thanksgiving	<i>(from Gail Ramshaw's Triple Prayer)</i>
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

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*Hymn 641	<b><i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i></b>
*Dismissal & Blessing & Peace	
*Postlude	<b><i>Pre'ambule, Opus 31</i></b> <i>Louis Vierne</i> <i>John Tiffin, Organ</i>

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## WELCOME!

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

## ALTAR

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BARB GIELOW** in loving memory of her husband, **TERRY**.

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## FOOD PANTRY

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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.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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August 11 - Karen Buccola

August 11 - John 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, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am - **Worship**

**Rev. Timothy Biel Jr**

**Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am - **Worship**

**Rev. Timothy Biel Jr**

## **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

Pam Castaneda

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odlivak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....***Timothy Biel, Jr.***

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***

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

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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