

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 27th, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Be Still and Know

*Traditional & Steven Curtis Chapman
arr. by Tom Fettke
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Paul Hoffman, Leader

If it had not been for the Lord on our side -
tell me, where would we be?

The flood would have swept us away,
**the waters would
have gone over us.**

Blessed be the Lord;
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord;
who is our help.

*Hymn 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Opening Prayer

Holy God, some days we do not like being your church; it makes us weary. We make too many mistakes; we give in to many temptations. Anyway, why do you want to build churches with flesh and blood, faith and love, words and deeds? We like churches built out of more reliable stuff, like wood and nails, bricks and mortar, iron and stone. Save us, O God, from the days when we do not want to be your church, and build us into the church you want us to be. Amen.

WORD

First Reading	Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10 <i>Paul Hoffman, Reader</i> <i>(reading his own translation)</i>
Psalm	Psalm 124
*Gospel	Matthew 16: 13 - 20
*Hymn	Built on the Rock <i>Words: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig</i> <i>Music: Ludwig M. Lindeman</i>
Message	Who Do You Say That I Am? <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Let There Be Peace on Earth <i>Sy Miller and Jill Jackson</i> <i>Kathy Tiffin, harp</i> <i>John Tiffin, synthesizer</i>

TABLE

*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(seated, in silence)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 546	The Church's One Foundation
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	The Church's One Foundation <i>Samuel S. Wesley; arr. Mark Hayes</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 receive the bread and the cup while seated, in silence.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MAE WILLIAMS** in loving memory of her mother, **ODESSA ELLIS**.

SUMMER IS FADING . . .

These cooler mornings and earlier sunsets remind us that summer is fading. The last 8:30 service in the Log Cabin will be next Sunday, September 3rd, **LABOR DAY** weekend. **RE-GATHERING SUNDAY**, when we return to the fall schedule and Sunday School and Choir return, will be Sunday, September 10th, celebrated by an all-church potluck after worship (see below).

CHANCEL CHOIR

Central's **CHANCEL CHOIR** will begin the fall season Sunday, September 10th. Rehearsals are held Thursdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 8:45 am. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7th. New voices are always welcome. Please consider sharing your musical talents in worship!

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REGATHERING POTLUCK

Our annual "regathering" **POTLUCK** will be **Sunday, September 10th** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Meat, plates, utensils and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to share. (If you don't cook, consider a donation). If you can help with set up or clean up, please let **Mae Williams** know at **847-676-0798** or **hhldmaster@aol.com**. You can also call the office at **847-673-1311**. Regular after-church fellowship will resume **Sunday, September 17th**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed this month are: **Macaroni and Cheese, Cookies, Juice Boxes and Shampoo/Conditioner**. 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.

UPPER ROOM

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 1 - Clifford Sobers

September 2 - Edgar Wolff-Klammer

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27th

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

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

Wednesday, August 30th

7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

Sunday, September 3rd

Labor Day Weekend

Food Pantry Sunday

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 Oddivak

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

Today's Reader.....**Paul Hoffman**

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***