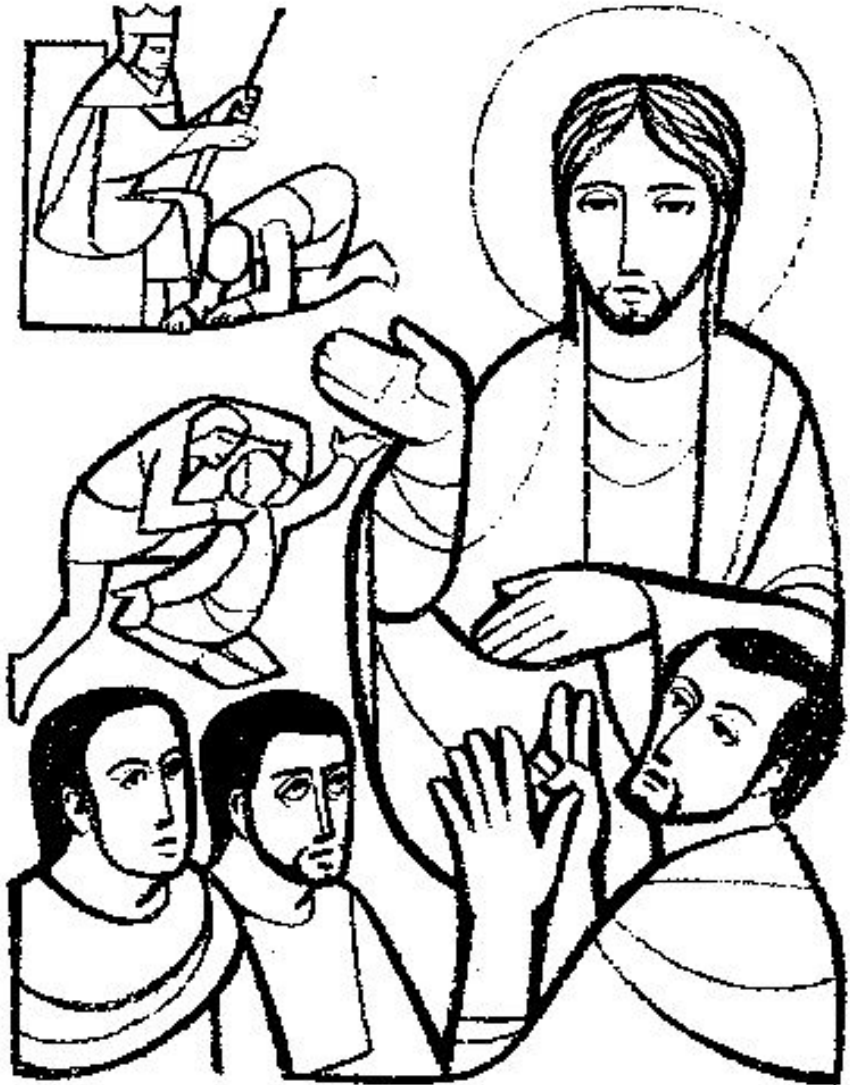


CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 17th, 2017
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in E minor & B minor

Frederick Chopin

Millete Silverio & John Tiffin

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Ed Gut, Leader

Disciples and doubters,
faithful and feckless,

**we are God's,
who welcomes us all.**

Followers and those who lag behind,
open-hearted and close-minded,

**we are the Lord's,
who is always patient with us.**

Reconcilers and rabble-rousers,
foolish and fearless,

**we are the Spirit's, who encourages
us every moment of every day.**

(Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymn 140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

**God of Mercy, your forgiveness transcends
whatever wrong exists between us.**

**Grant us the courage to forgive others,
and to practice reconciliation by the kindness
of our speaking, the sharing of our resources,
and the honoring of your desire for good.**

Amen.

WORD

First Reading	Romans 14: 1 - 12 <i>Ed Gut, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 103: 1 - 12 <i>(Grail Version)</i>
Anthem	Mary, Don't You Weep <i>Traditional Spiritual; adapted & arranged by Mary McDonald The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 18: 21 - 35
*Hymn 2169 TFWS	God, How Can We Forgive
Message	God Gave Us Magic Eyes <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Falling on Your Knees <i>Julianne Arvizu</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	
*Postlude	How Excellent is Thy Name <i>Dick Tunney; 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 go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **ZOSIMA OANDASAN** in loving memory of her husband, **ERNESTO H. OANDASAN**.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **MAE WILLIAMS** and **CINDY BARRON**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

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RUSS NELSON, 95

RUSS NELSON, long-time Central member and decorated WW II U.S. Navy veteran, died Friday, September 8th, at the age of 95. Russ, a retired commercial artist (who painted the painting of Central that hangs in the entrance), was married to his wife Mildred for 55 years, until her death in 2003. He was also the father of Kevin (Lisa). Services for Russ will be private; we will remember Russ (along with **ILENE KONIOR, RUTH JAKLIN, HELEN BEXTEL, and LEONE O'ROARK**) in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 5th.

HURRICANES HARVEY & IRMA

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are past history, but the cleanup will continue for a long time. If you would like to give to **UMCOR'S** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) relief and recovery efforts, make your check payable to Central UMC, with "**HARVEY**" or "**HURRICANE**" on the notation line. Thank you for your relentless prayers and donations on behalf of those in need.

ST. PETER'S UCC RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will be holding their annual **RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE** on Friday/Saturday, September 22-23, 9 am to 3 pm at 8013 Laramie Avenue, Skokie. For more information, call St. Peter's church office at 847-673-8166 or office@stpeteruccskokie.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 18 - Lisa Jacob
September 20 - Hester Mels
September 21 - Edith Bass
September 24 - Mary Nader

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17th

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, September 20th

9:30 am - Circle 8 (FH)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

Thursday, September 21st

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Saturday, September 23rd

7:45 am - Food Depository

Sunday, September 24th

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - 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
Ardis Coninx
Carmen Ewing
Brian Gut
Rev. Sylvia Pleas
Harriet Tiahnybik
Steve Winker

At Home:

Janet Casey
Lola Hessing
Wilma Odlivak
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader.....**Ed Gut**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Mae Williams &
Cynthia Barron**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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