

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 8th, 2017

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Knowing You
(All I Once Held Dear)

Words & Music by Graham Kendrick
Arr. by Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Gerhard Mels, Leader

We come because we want to know God,
who seeks to shape us as faithful people.

**Not that we already are, but we
strive to be the community of grace.**

We come because we want to know Jesus,
who would plant justice deep in our hearts.

**Not that we always do, but we
seek to welcome each person.**

We come because we want to know the Spirit,
who shines hope on all people.

**Not that we always are able, but
we seek to share the light of peace
in our world.**

(Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymn 2161 TFWS

To Know You More

Words & Music by Joe Horness

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, your word bursts into our
lives like a glorious sunrise, purer than the finest
gold. As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of
our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and
our redeemer. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading	<i>Philippians 3: 4b - 14</i> <i>Gerhard Mels, Reader</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 19</i> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<i>Faithfulness</i> <i>Words by Thomas Chisolm</i> <i>Music by Joel Raney</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<i>Matthew 21: 33 - 46</i>
*Hymn 2065 TFWS	<i>More Precious Than Silver</i> <i>Words & Music by Lynn DeShazo</i>
Message	<i>Called to Be a Prophet: Nice Work if You Can Get It</i> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<i>Amber</i> <i>by Jeanne Cotter</i> <i>Millete Silverio and John Tiffin</i>

TABLE

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 2216 TFWS	<i>When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise</i> <i>Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn</i> <i>Traditional English Melody</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<i>Everytime I Feel the Spirit</i> <i>Traditional Spiritual</i> <i>Millete Silverio, John Tiffin,</i> <i>Nick Werth</i>

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **ZOSIMA OANDASAN** in loving memory of her sister, **TABITA YLARDE**.

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 her Helpers**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 5TH

Just a reminder that we will remember those who have died over the last year on **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 5th**: **ILENE KONIOR, HELEN BEXTEL, RUTH JAKLIN, LEONE O'ROARK** and **RUSS NELSON**.

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FALL INTO OCTOBER CONCERT

Our thanks to Millete Silverio and friends for the Fall Into October Concert Friday night, as a fundraiser for Central. Thanks to all who planned, played, participated and attended.

PUERTO RICO

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria, UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief's partners in Puerto Rico have invited UMCOR's support for relief supplies and other commodities. Bishop Hector Ortiz and the conference's disaster response coordinator are assessing the greatest needs on the island. UMCOR is prepared to provide relief supplies, training, project development support and grants as soon as needs are identified. UMCOR will coordinate any volunteer efforts in cooperation with the church in Puerto Rico. FEMA has also offered the possibility of shipping UMCOR relief kits and other commodities to Puerto Rico. To support UMCOR's efforts in responding to this disaster, please make your check out to Central UMC and put "Hurricane Relief" in the notation space.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October 14 - Lola Hessing

October 15 - Barb Smith

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8th

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, October 11th

Noon - Canasta

7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

Thursday, October 12th

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 15th

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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

Harriet Tiahnybik

Steve Winker

At Home:

Nancy Blaylock

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

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**

Fellowship.....**Mae Williams and Helpers**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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