

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**  
**10:30 am**

\*Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### **Nocturne**

*John Field*

*Arr. by Lani Smith*

*Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Jas Faber, Leader*

The Voice calling long ago.

**The Voice calling today.**

The Voice calling Jonah long ago

**compelling him to share the good  
news of God's love, even with  
his enemies.**

The Voice calling us today

**compelling us to share the good  
news of God's love, with our  
neighbors.**

The Voice calling long ago.

**The Voice calling today.**

**Who will go?**

*(Katherine Hawker, Liturgy Outside, 2003)*

\*Hymnal 105

### **God of Many Names**

Opening Prayer

**God of Jonah and Jesus, you call us to serve  
you. Give us courage and conviction that we may  
joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures  
of service, led by the light that shines through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Moment

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b><i>Jonah 3: 1 - 5, 10</i></b> <i>Jas Faber, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b><i>Psalm 62: 5 - 12</i></b>
Anthem	<b><i>Footprints in the Sand</i></b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Joseph M. Martin &amp; David Angerman The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<b><i>Matthew 1: 14 - 20</i></b>
*TFWS 2101	<b><i>Two Fishermen</i></b>
Message	<b><i>Jonah: Reluctant Prophet</i></b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b><i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i></b> <i>Folk Song from India Arr. by Heather Sorenson</i>

## TABLE

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*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymnal 344	<b><i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i></b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b><i>Toccata in C Major</i></b> <i>Domenico Zipoli (1668-1826) Edited by Hal H. Hopson</i>

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## WELCOME

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If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you and are honored you have come to begin a New Year with us. 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 do not have to be United Methodist or a member of our congregation to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today 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 **MAE WILLIAMS** in celebration of the birthdays of **JOEL JR.** and **DAWN WILLIAMS.**

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **MERIUM, RIZA, SIMLA** and **EDEN.** Volunteers are needed to host upcoming fellowship times; a sign-up sheet is available to the right of the serving window in Fellowship Hall.

## FLU PRECAUTIONS

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We are at the peak of flu season, when many are sick. As we gather today, use common-sense precautions, wash hands with sanitizer frequently, and please cover when you cough. Many may choose not to shake hands today, which is understandable (and perhaps wise!). At the peak of flu season, eastern forms of greeting without touching (Namaste!) are the way to go!

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## 2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

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The **2018 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Bulletin Board by the Fellowship Hall kitchen. **There are still many open dates.** Please check the Calendar to see when you would like to provide flowers for the altar during 2018. Thank you for your faithful provision of altar flowers, keeping the altar beautiful week-by-week!

## PLEDGE CARDS & ENVELOPES

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Thanks to your generous giving in 2017 - in combination with the shared space contributions of the congregations who share our building - we were able to end the year with a surplus in the Operating Fund, in addition to paying our apportionments at 75%. (We wanted to retain some reserve due to the large gas bills we know are coming after the last two weeks of near-zero weather). In addition, due to the implications of the recently approved Tax Bill, several families gave 2018 donations in advance. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Financial envelopes for 2018 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Doris Bloom (847-673-1311).

## UPPER ROOM

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The January/February edition of the daily devotional booklet, **THE UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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January 23 - Joyce Arkema

January 24 - Pam Castaneda, Stephen Gabourel  
& Charlie Park

January 26 - Kathy 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, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:15 am - Fresh Truck Session  
Logan Square

### **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

### **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

10 am - Prayer Shawl Mission  
7 pm - Choir Practice

### **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
& 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:***

Bob Andrews  
Edith Bass  
Carmen Ewing  
Brian Gut  
Steve Winker

### ***At Home:***

Nancy Blaylock  
Janet Casey  
Lola Hessing  
Wilma Odlivak  
Eden Soco  
Harriet Tiahnybik  
Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**  
Today's Reader.....**Jas Faber**  
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**  
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**  
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**  
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**  
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**  
Fellowship.....**Merium, Riza, Simla & Eden**  
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

**Message:**

**Christ Lives Today!**

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