

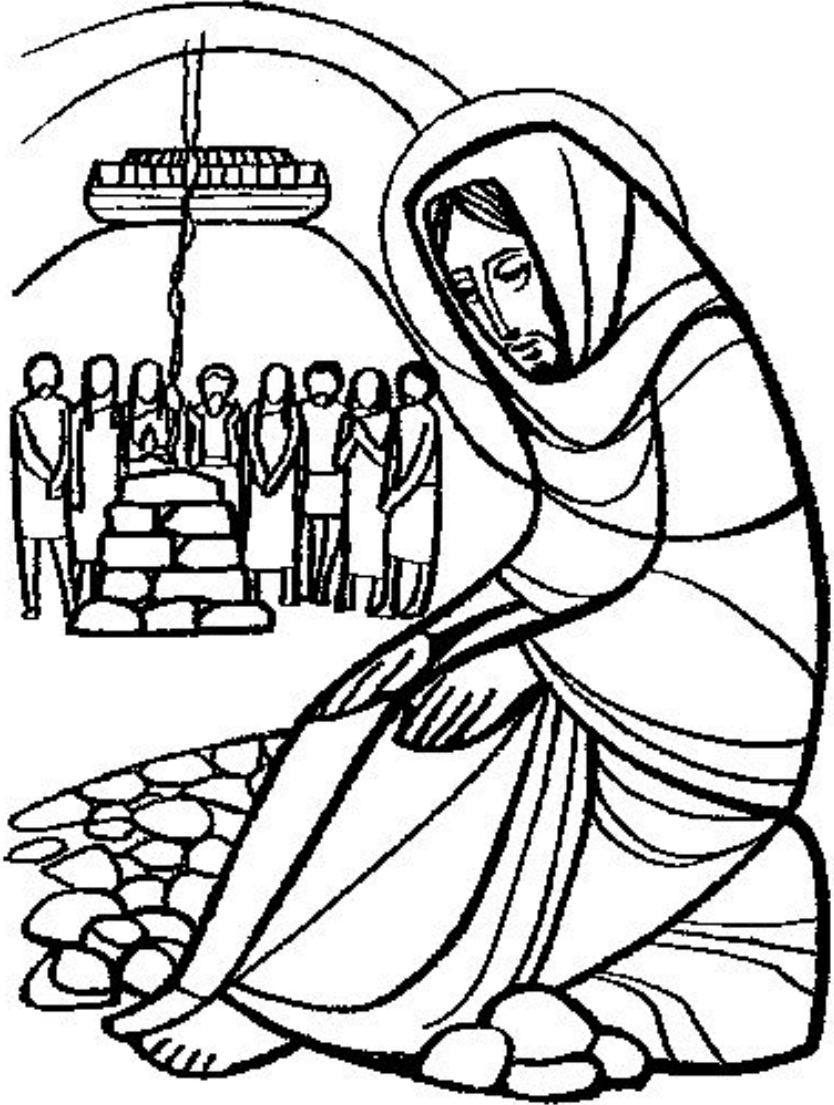
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February 18th, 2018
The 1st Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

*Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

***Shall We Gather at the River/
Near to the Heart of God***

*Arr. by Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Kathy Shine, Leader

Here, at the outer limits of Lent,
we are called to walk:

**to the paper-thin edges which cut
us to the soul; to the workplaces
which weary us; to the people who
confuse us; to the faith which
threatens us.**

Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and
Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

**when our clenched stomachs
awaken us; in the moments of
unbearable sorrow; with the angels
who would carry us.**

Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's
Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor,

**we begin Lent: with the Beloved,
whose tears wash away our fears,
with the God who will not let us go.**

[Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies]

*TWFS 2015

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Opening Prayer

**God of wilderness and water, your Son was
baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through
this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but
open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing
depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words
of the Spirit. Amen.**

Children's Moment

WORD

Old Testament	Genesis 9: 8 - 17 <i>Kathy Shine, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 25: 1 - 10 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	When Jesus Walked the Wilderness <i>Lloyd Larson</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	Mark 1: 9 - 15
*Hymn	Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land
Message	Head for the Wilderness <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley <i>American Folk Hymn</i> <i>Arr. by Jack Schrader</i>

TABLE

Invitation	
Confession	
*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 269	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Good News! The Chariot's Comin'! <i>Traditional Spiritual</i>

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WELCOME

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 everyone carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to 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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for **EASTER**, which this year will be April 1st (April Fool's Day)!

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **SOCO FAMILY** in celebration of **FERDIE, SR.'s** birthday.

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 **KITCHEN CREW**.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

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!

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REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS - 80TH BIRTHDAY!

REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS will be preaching next Sunday, **February 25th**, in celebration of her **80th birthday** on **February 26th**. A birthday **CELEBRATION CONCERT** honoring Sylvia will be given by her family today at **2 pm** at **First United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cossitt Ave, La Grange, Illinois**, followed by a reception at 3 pm.

DORIS BLOOM

Doris Bloom had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, February 14th at Skokie Hospital. Everything went well and Doris is now at Alden Estates of Skokie, 4626 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, for rehabilitation. A "get well" card for Doris is in the Narthex for well-wishers to sign.

MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

The next **MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, February 24th at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be Giordano's deep dish pizza, green salad and dessert. The movie will be "**American Made.**" Please contact Gerhard Mels via voicemail or text at 1-847-675-0720.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 26 - Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas

What is Lent?

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday.



When is Lent?

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.



CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, February 18th

The 1st Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

Monday, February 19th

Presidents Day

7:30 pm - Staff-Parish Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st

9:30 am - Circle 8

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, February 22nd

10 am - Prayer Shawl Mission

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, February 24th

7:45 am - Food Depository

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

Sunday, February 25th

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

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:

Edith Bass

Doris Bloom

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

At Home:

Nancy Blaylock

Janet Casey

Mavis Fowlin

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odilvak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

Today's Reader.....**Kathy Shine**

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**

& her Kitchen Crew

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

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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