

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 25th, 2018
The 2nd Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

*Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

*Arr. by Gordon Young
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Dawn Pleas, Leader

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey: to the place
where God covenants with us, to
receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our
cross, to trust the One who bears it
with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with
us, this and every day.**

[Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies]

Drum Call

Michael Williams

*Hymn 519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Opening Prayer

**Awesome God, when we catch sight of the
totality of your claim on our lives; our belief waivers.
When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable
covenant with us; like Sarah and Abram, we laugh.
When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming
cross; like Peter, we suggest an alternative. Meet
us in our disbelief, loving God, and move us gently
into the deep waters of faith. Amen.**

(Outside the Box, Katherine Hawker, 1997)

Children's Moment

Pastor Haley

WORD

New Testament	Romans 4: 13 - 25 <i>Dawn Pleas, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 22: 23 - 31 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) <i>Robert Ray</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> <i>Henry Pleas, tenor</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i>
*Gospel	Mark 8: 31 - 38
*Hymn 130	God Will Take Care of You
Message	<i>Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	The Lost Chord <i>Arthur Sullivan, Adelaide Anne Procter</i> <i>Henry Pleas, soloist</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	I Thank You, Jesus
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Toccata from Fifth Symphony <i>Charles Marie Widor</i> <i>George M. Williams (Sylvia's brother)</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 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for **EASTER**, April 1st (April Fool's Day)!

REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS - 80TH BIRTHDAY!

REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS will be preaching today, in celebration of her **80th birthday**, which is tomorrow, **February 26th**.

SYLVIA is a native Chicagoan and comes from a family of church musicians. She is a graduate of Frances W. Parker School and Provident Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, North Central College in Naperville and Garrett Seminary in Evanston, from which she earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry.

Before answering her original call to ordained ministry, Sylvia was a registered nurse for 20 years. She served as a pastor in the Northern Illinois Conference for 24 years, service four congregations, before her retirement in 2003. After retirement, Sylvia served a Rogers Park congregation for a brief time.

Besides her four children, Henry, Ronald, Dawn and Dorothy, Sylvia has taken the name of "Bammamma" because of her extreme fondness for her three grandchildren, Whitley, Eleanor, Gemma Victoria and Katherine Frances.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **PLEAS FAMILY** in celebration of **SYLVIA'S** 80th birthday.

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FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **PLEAS FAMILY** in celebration of **SYLVIA's** 80th birthday.

THE SHACK

There will be a discussion on the movie "**The Shack**" at **1 pm** for an hour on Mondays for the next four weeks, **February 26, March 5, 12 and 19**. Please bring your brown bag lunch. This week we will discuss "**God promises to walk with us always.**" Everyone is welcome.

EASTER LILIES

It's time to think about **EASTER LILIES!** Order forms are available today from the ushers. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 11th**. The cost per lily is \$11.

FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed are: **Cereal, Rice/Rice Dishes, Coffee/Tea 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 **March/April** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

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 25th

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Monday, February 26th

1 pm - "The Shack" discussion

Wednesday, February 28th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 1st

7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, March 4th

The 3rd 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 Oddivak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

Today's Reader..... ***Dawn Pleas***

Choir Director/Accompanist.....***Millete Silverio***

Song Leader.....***Julianne Arvizu***

Office Staff.....***Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda***

Nursery Attendant.....***Ellen Mittman***

Lay Leader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Fellowship.....***Pleas Family***

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

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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