

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 4th, 2018
The 3rd Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

**Please stand as able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Near the Cross

*William Doane, Arr. by Joel Raney
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Jane Atkinson, Leader

If you listen

You'll hear Heaven tell it.

If you listen

You'll hear Earth tell it.

If you listened long enough

**You'd know Day learned
how to speak about it.**

If you listened quietly enough

**You'd hear Last Night
telling Tonight about it.**

What would we hear?

Tell us!

We'd hear all creation say

**God's ways are more precious
than gold.**

We'd hear all creation declare

**God's ways are sweeter than
the honey in the honeycomb.**

Now open your hearts and pray

with all creation:

**May the words of our mouths and
the meditations of our hearts, be
acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer.**

[Rev. Dr. Kwasi Kena]

*Hymn 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Opening Prayer

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls, at this mid-point in our Lenten journey, look deep within our hearts and our lives and clear away all that holds us back. May our minds, spirits and bodies be Temples open to Your presence: and may our words and our actions be transparent to Your love and truth. These things we ask as we worship and pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Ann Siddall, adapted)

Children's Moment

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

WORD

Old Testament	Exodus 20: 1 - 17 <i>Jane Atkinson, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 19 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Then Sings My Soul (How Great Thou Art) <i>Words & Music by Stuart K. Hines</i> <i>Choral Setting by Mary McDonald</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	John 2: 13 - 22
*Hymn 601	Thy Word
Message	Personal Faith and Social Action <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	How Great Thou Art <i>Words & Music by Stuart K. Hines</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</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 444	O Young and Fearless Prophet
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee <i>Ludwig van Beethoven</i> <i>Arr. by Bruce Greer</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 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **3rd SUNDAY IN LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for **EASTER**, April 1st.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **EMELITA BENIGNO**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **ARVIZU** and **CAREY FAMILIES** in celebration of the birthdays of **EVAN** and **BEN ARVIZU** and **LILY, MATTHEW** and **SEAN CAREY**.

EASTER LILIES

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

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

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LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available each Sunday, and will be due **Sunday, March 25th**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting.

To order, or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at klbuccola@aol.com, phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office. Please share the order form with neighbors and co-workers. For those who don't garden, consider a donation towards our church gardens. Thank you!

THE SHACK

There will be a discussion on the movie **"The Shack"** at **1 pm** for an hour on Monday, **March 5, 12 and 19**. Please bring your brown bag lunch. This week, the theme will be **"The storm within - in the midst of life's challenges, we must trust God."**

UPPER ROOM

The **March/April** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

DST TIME CHANGE: NEXT SUNDAY!

Just a reminder that **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next **Sunday, March 11th**, at **2 am**. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed Saturday night, or you'll be late for church! While you're changing, change those old batteries in your home **SMOKE DETECTORS**.

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, 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

Monday, March 5th

1 pm - "The Shack" discussion

Wednesday, March 6th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 7th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, March 11th

The 4th Sunday in Lent

**Daylight Savings Time
Change (2 am)**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

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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
Steve Winker

At Home:

Nancy Blaylock
Doris Bloom
Janet Casey
Jayne Epperson
Mavis Fowlin
Lola Hessing
Wilma Odlivak
Harriet Tiahnybik
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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