## CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 10:30 am

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude **Amazing Grace** 

(My Chains Are Gone)

Traditional American Melody Additional Words & by Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio; arr. by Tom Fettke

Millete Silverio, piano;

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor David Haley

\*Call to Worship Jane Atkinson, Leader

Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness of our hungers, our lust for power, our eagerness to test God:

Be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

Jesus of humility, you set aside your glory, choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands:

Hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

Jesus of the Feast, you are broken that we might be healed, you pour out your self so we might be filled with your grace:

Feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray.

\*Hymn Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

African-American Spiritual

## **Opening Prayer**

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### WORD

Old Testament **Genesis 2: 15 - 17; 3: 1 - 7** 

Jane Atkinson, Reader

Psalm **Psalm 32** 

The Grail Version

Anthem Hope of the World (Incorporating

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley) Words & Arrangement: Lloyd Larson

Choral setting: Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir

\*Gospel **Matthew 4: 1 - 11** 

The reading of the Gospel will be interspersed with the singing of Hymn 2105 in The Faith We Sing, **Jesus, Tempted in the Desert** 

Message What We Learn in the Wilderness

Pastor David L. Haley

The Prayers

Offering Grace Greater than Our Sin

Music by Daniel Towner arr. by Paul Ferrin Millete Silverio, piano

#### **TABLE**

\*The Peace

**Great Thanksgiving** 

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)

#### **SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn 269 **Lord, Who Throughout** 

These Forty Days

\*Dismissal & Blessing

\*Music What a Friend

Music by Charles C. Converse

arr. by Joel Raney

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## 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; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

#### THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons will focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus, as follows:

Today - Jesus in the Wilderness (Matthew 4: 1 - 11)

March 12 - Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3: 1 - 17)

March 19 - Jesus and the Woman at the Well (John 4: 5 - 42)

March 26 - Jesus and the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1 - 41)

April 2 - Jesus and the Raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1 - 45)

April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday (entrance to Holy Week)

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross

April 16 - EASTER

#### CONFIRMATION

This year during **LENT**, we will offer a **CONFIRMATION** class, which will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The class, led by Pastor Haley, will meet the six weeks of Lent, with Confirmation on Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

# ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **RUDY** and **TESSIE GONZALEZ**. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID** and **MICHELE**, and was bought from a Palestinian cloth merchant in the Old City of Jerusalem.

# FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **DORINE SOBERS** and **MARIEGOLD COOPER.** 

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#### **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.

## 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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. Thanks!

## **TIME CHANGE: NEXT SUNDAY**

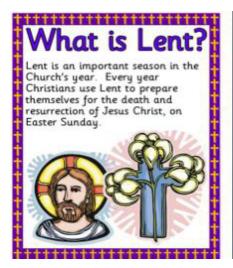
Just a reminder that **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2 am. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed Saturday night, or you'll be late for church! While you're changing, change those old batteries in your home **SMOKE DETECTORS**.

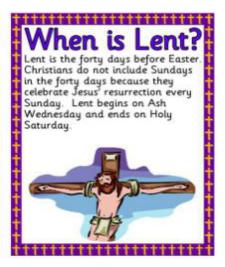
## **EASTER LILIES**

It's time to think about **EASTER LILIES**! Order forms are available today from the ushers. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 26**th. The cost per lily is \$9.

#### **UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW**

The new **March/April** editions of the daily devotional booklets, **UPPER ROOM** & **ALIVE NOW**, are available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.





#### **CALENDAR**

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
Food Pantry Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir 9:30 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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

Tuesday, March 7th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH) 7:30 pm - Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 8th

Noon - Canasta (LC) 7 pm - Scout Troop 72 Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, March 10th

5:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Change (2 am)

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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 Leone O'Roark Harriet Tiahnybik Steve Winker At Home:

Greg Arauco Janet Casey Lola Hessing Carla Johnson Russ Nelson Wilma Odlivak 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	orine Sobers and
	Mariegold Cooper
MinistersThe People of	the Congregation

#### **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever