

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 5th, 2017

The 1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

***Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)***

*Traditional American Melody
Additional Words & by Chris Tomlin
& Louie Giglio; arr. by Tom Fettke
Millee 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 <i>Jane Atkinson, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 32 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Hope of the World (Incorporating "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley") Words & Arrangement: Lloyd Larson Choral setting: Jack Schrader <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 4: 1 – 11 <i>The reading of the Gospel will be interspersed with the singing of Hymn 2105 in The Faith We Sing, Jesus, Tempted in the Desert</i>
Message	What We Learn in the Wilderness <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Grace Greater than Our Sin <i>Music by Daniel Towner arr. by Paul Ferrin Millete Silverio, piano</i>

TABLE

*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>

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 269	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Music	What a Friend <i>Music by Charles C. Converse arr. by Joel Raney</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! 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 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. 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 16th.

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 2nd**. 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 12th, 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 26th**. 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.

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.

An illustration featuring a circular portrait of Jesus' face on the left, with a blue cross on the right. The cross is decorated with yellow and white flowers. The background is a light blue and white sunburst pattern.

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.

An illustration of Jesus on the cross. Jesus is depicted with a beard and long hair, wearing a loincloth. The cross is set against a light blue background with a white sunburst pattern.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5th

The 1st 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 9th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, March 10th

5:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 12th

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

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

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

Eutopiaz 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.....**Dorine Sobers and**

Mariegold Cooper

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

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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