

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 11th, 2018
The 4th Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

**Please stand as able*

GATHERING

Prelude

There is a Savior

Greg Nelson, Bob Farrell, Sandi Patty

Arr. Dick Tunney

Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Alex Atkinson, Leader

For God so loved the world;

**The sparrows, the mountain
lions, the fish and the people.**

For God so loved the world;

**In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

For God so loved the world;

**enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

For God so loved the world:

Let us worship God!

[Katherine Hawker, Liturgy Outside, 1997]

*Hymn 98

To God Be The Glory

Opening Prayer

**God, lover of our wayward race, as we look
at the world Jesus lived in and died for, there seems
little evidence it has made much difference. But so
great is the love you have shown for us, we know
you will not give up - in our world - nor on us. By the
power of love, change our world, beginning with us.
Amen.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

WORD

Old Testament	Numbers 21: 4 - 9 <i>Alex Atkinson, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	For God So Loved the World <i>Joseph M. Martin</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	John 3: 14 - 21
*Hymn (video)	What Wondrous Love is This <i>as sung by Blue Highway at the</i> <i>Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion</i> <i>(9/21/08)</i>
Message	Snakes! Why Did It Have To Be Snakes <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Calvary's Love with Only Jesus <i>Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh</i> <i>Ernie Silverio, soloist</i> <i>John Tiffin, keyboard</i>

TABLE

Invitation	
Confession	
*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please come forward to receive</i> <i>the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 77	How Great Thou Art.
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Amazing Grace

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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 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.

UMCOR SUNDAY

Today is a special offering Sunday in the United Methodist Church: **UMCOR SUNDAY** (formerly **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**). Gifts go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (**UMCOR**) ongoing work to respond in times of disaster. Envelopes are available from the ushers and in the pews.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BARB SMITH** In loving memory of her parents and her husband, **MARVIN**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **BARRON FAMILY** and **MARIANO SANTOS** in celebration of **CINDY** and **MARIANO's** birthdays.

EASTER LILIES

Just a reminder that **today is the last day to order Easter lilies**. Order forms are available from the ushers. The cost is \$11 per lily.

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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.

THE SHACK

There will be a discussion on the movie **"The Shack"** at **1 pm** for an hour on Monday, **March 12 and 19**. Please bring a brown bag lunch. This week, the theme will be **"Papa's Heart - God loves us unconditionally as His own children."**

COUSINS IN FAITH

As part of this year's **Coming Together in Skokie** celebrating **Muslim-American Cultures**, Pastor Haley will participate in a panel entitled **"Cousins in Faith,"** with Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler of Temple Judea Mizpah and Imam Nazim Mangera of the Muslim Community Center. Come learn about the various areas of common ground that a rabbi, a pastor and an imam (no, this is not a joke) share in our respective faiths. There will be time for questions following the discussion. The program will be this **Wednesday, March 14th**, at **7 pm** at **Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road in Skokie**.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us for **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** next **Friday, March 16th** at **5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in, followed by a movie.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 12 - Jan Rogoski

March 14 - Cindy Barron

March 17 - Jamie Arvizu

March 19 - Lisa Williams

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 11th

The 4th Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Change
UMCOR Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

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

Monday, March 12th

1 pm - "The Shack" discussion

Wednesday, March 14th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 15th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, March 16th

5:30 - Ladies' Night Out

Sunday, March 18th

The 5th 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
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.....**Alex 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 Barron Family
and Mariano Santos**
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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