

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 26th, 2017
The 4th Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile
(Violin Sonata No. 3)

*J. S. Bach; ed. Diane Bish
Millete Silverio, piano*

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Doris Bloom, Leader

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
when we cannot see God

we will turn on the light.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

we will turn on the light.

When our vision dims due to darkness within

we will turn on the light.

Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

The light of the world is Jesus Christ!

Come worship the one who gives sight to the blind:

Hear him, ye deaf;

his praise, ye dumb,

your loosened tongues employ;

ye blind, behold, your Savior come,

and leap, ye lame, for joy.

*Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley/Mark A. Miller

Opening Prayer

**Discerner of hearts, you look beneath our
outward appearance and see your image in each
of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us
from recognizing truth, so we may see the world
through your eyes and with the compassion of
Jesus Christ who redeems us. Amen.**

WORD

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| Old Testament | 1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13 <i>Doris Bloom, Reader</i> |
| Psalms | Psalm 23 <i>The Grail Version</i> |
| Anthem | Peace Like a River (with Amazing Grace) <i>Traditional Spiritual: arr. Joel Raney</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i> |
| *Gospel | John 9: 1 – 41 |
| *Hymn 451 | Be Thou My Vision |
| Message | All I Know is This <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i> |
| The Prayers | |
| Offering | The Lord is My Light <i>Words from Psalm XXVII</i> <i>Music by Frances Allitsen</i> <i>Henry Pleas, soloist</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</i> |

TABLE

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| *The Peace | |
| Great Thanksgiving | |
| The Giving of the Bread and the Cup | <i>(seated, in silence)</i> |

SENDING FORTH

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| *Hymn | Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) <i>John Newton; Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio</i> |
| *Dismissal & Blessing | |
| *Music | Amazing Grace <i>John Newton; arr. Mark Hayes</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 receive the bread and the cup while seated, in silence.

THE 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **THE 4th SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

- March 26 - Jesus & the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1 - 41)
- April 2 - Jesus & 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**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **SOCO FAMILY**. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID & MICHELE**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, today's Fellowship is hosted by **GERHARD** and **HESTER MELS**.

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.

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FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed are: **Macaroni and Cheese, Cookies, Baby Formula and Toothpaste/Toothbrushes**. 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.

EASTER LILIES

Today is the last day to order **EASTER LILIES!** Order forms are available from the ushers. The cost per lily is \$9.

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 next **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. Thank you!

THE ELEVATOR IS REPAIRED

Good news! Thanks to good work by Colley, the repair company, the elevator is repaired and will be in service as soon as we arrange the required inspections. Thank you for your prayers and donations throughout this long process!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 28 - Joy Hoffman

April 2 - Diane Wolff-Klammer

UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26th

The 4th Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

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

Tuesday, March 28th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

No Confirmation (Spring Break)

Wednesday, March 29th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 30th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, April 2nd

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
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.....**Doris Bloom**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom**
Pam Castaneda
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Gerhard and Hester Mels**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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