

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

***Largo from New  
World Symphony***

*Anton Dvorak  
Millete Silverio, organ*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Alex Atkinson, Leader*

In the buds on the trees eager to burst;  
in the flowers poking their heads out of the dirt;  
in the children chalking spring on the sidewalks:

**We see how you love us,  
God of steadfast love.**

In the tears of a father worried over his son's illness;  
in the weariness of a mother facing a long shift at  
work; in the woman who anoints her grandbaby  
with talcum powder:

**We see how you love us,  
our Resurrection and our Life.**

In the touch of a wife on her husband's papery skin;  
in the birds which rush into the sky before spiraling  
down; in the words we offer to the empty-hearted:

**We see how you love us,  
Breath of our souls.**

*(Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)*

\*Hymn

***Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land***

*African American Spiritual*

Opening Prayer

**Lord, today by your Spirit –  
reanimate us like dry bones  
from whatever depths and deaths  
we find ourselves in,  
that like Lazarus of old, awakened,  
we may once again serve you  
and sing your praise. Amen.**

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b>Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14</b> <i>Alex Atkinson, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 130</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b>Mary, Don't You Weep</b> <i>Traditional Spiritual: adapted &amp; arranged by Mary McDonald</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i>
Gospel	<b>John 11: 1 – 45</b>
*Hymn 474	<b>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</b>
Message	<b>Lazarus Who Laughed</b> <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</b> <i>Thomas Dorsey; arr. Mark Hayes</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano; John Tiffin,</i> <i>keyboard, Nick Werth, drums</i>

## TABLE

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\*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

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\*Hymn 707

**Hymn of Promise**

\*Dismissal & Blessing

\*Music

**Toccata (Homage to Widor)**  
*Gordon Young*

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME

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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](http://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, receive the bread, and dip it into the cup.

## THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

Today - 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

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **SIMLA CORPUZ** in celebration of her birthday. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID** and **MICHELE**.

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, today's Fellowship is hosted by **MYLES GLASGOW, ED GUT** and **RON KONIOR**.

## THE ELEVATOR IS "IN SERVICE"!

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We are at long last glad to report that the elevator is repaired, inspected and approved, and **BACK IN SERVICE**. Thank you for your patience, your prayers, and especially your donations to make this happen: towards the total cost of \$23,000 for the repair, we received \$20,694. Thank you!

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## FOOD PANTRY

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Thanks to all of you 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

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Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. **Today is the last Sunday to order flowers!** 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](mailto: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!

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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April 2 - Diane Wolff-Klammer

8 - Bernice Herwald

9 - Sharon Carey

## UPPER ROOM AND ALIVE NOW

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

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday, 4/9, 10:30 am:

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

Thursday, 4/13, 7 pm:

**Maundy Thursday (LC)**

Friday, 4/14, 6 pm:

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

(outside, weather permitting)

Sunday, 4/16, 10:30 am:

# Easter



## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **The 5<sup>th</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, April 4<sup>th</sup>

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

7:30 pm - Confirmation 5

### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

### Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

7 pm - Choir Practice

### Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:15 am - Food Depository

### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

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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.....**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.....**Myles Glasgow, Ed Gut  
and Ron Konior**

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

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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