

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 am**

\* Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude ***There is a Redeemer***  
*Melody Green; arr. Mark Kellner*  
*Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements *Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas*

\*Call to Worship *James Faber, Leader*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

We have not seen the risen Christ,

**But we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**But we have seen him in the faces  
of those whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched his wounds from the cross,

**But we have been called to bring  
healing to the scarred of the world.**

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*(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)*

\*Hymn 308

***Thine Be the Glory***

Opening Prayer

**Author of faith, to you we lift our weary,  
longing eyes. Our fear would close us down to  
your love and your call on our lives. Even now,  
send your Spirit among us. Break into our shut-up  
hearts, unparalyze our fear-filled minds and un-  
clasp our clenched hands, that we may hear your  
words of life and truly live. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## WORD

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First Reading	<b>Acts 2: 14, 22 - 32</b> <i>James Faber, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 16</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b>The Lone Wild Fowl in Lofty Flight</b> <i>Henry Richard McFadyen</i> <i>Sung by Henry H. Pleas, III</i>
*Gospel	<b>John 20: 19 - 31</b>
*Hymn 2206 (TFWS)	<b>Without Seeing You</b>
Message	<i>Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas</i> <b>Give Me Jesus</b> <i>Sung by Henry H. Pleas, III</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>O Divine Redeemer</b> <i>Charles Gounod</i> <i>Sung by Henry H. Pleas, III</i>

## TABLE

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- \*The Peace
- Great Thanksgiving
- The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (*seated*)
- Prayer After Communion

## SENDING FORTH

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- \*Hymn 2115 (TFWS)     **Christ Has Risen**
- \*Dismissal & Blessing
- \*Postlude     **Let There Be Peace on Earth**  
*Words & Music by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson; arr. Mark Hayes*

# 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; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to receive the bread and the cup while seated.

## REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS

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**REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS**, is a native Chicagoan and comes from a family of church musicians. She is a graduate of Frances W. Parker School and Provident Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, North Central College in Naperville, and Garrett Seminary in Evanston, from which she earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry.

Before answering her original call to ordained ministry, Sylvia was a registered nurse for 20 years. She served as a pastor in the Northern Illinois Conference for 24 years, serving 4 congregations, before her retirement in 2003.

Since retirement, she has lived with her daughter, Dawn, in Winfield, Kansas; her daughter, Dorothy, in Naperville; and at Bethany Retirement Community in Chicago. This year she joined her son Henry at his home now in Skokie.

Besides her four children, Henry, Ronald, Dawn and Dorothy, Sylvia Pleas has taken the name of "Bammamma," because of her extreme fondness for her three grandchildren; Whitley Eleanor, Gemma Victoria and Katherine Frances.

## HENRY H. PLEAS, III

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**HENRY H. PLEAS, III**, born in Chicago, was educated in Chicago area schools, and attended Brown University. Upon graduation, he received the school's Madeira Prize for Excellence in Music. After Brown, Henry continued music studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and at Northwestern University where he received a Master of Music degree. Henry was a finalist in the Lotte Lehman Cyber Sing competition, and a past participant in the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists.

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Henry has appeared as leading tenor in operatic productions throughout the United States and Europe. He has appeared as soloist for Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera Grand Rapids, Skylight Opera Theater, Chicago Opera Theater and South Shore Opera Company of Chicago. In 2016, Henry toured with the American Spiritual Ensemble for their 2016 season.

In 2017, Henry recorded and produced "**COME DOWN ANGELS!**" a recording of Vocal Works by Women Composers, available (\$20) from Sylvia, Henry or the church office.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **DORIS BLOOM** in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of her grandson, **BENJAMIN**. Please note that next Sunday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, remains open. Please contact the church office at 847-673-1311 or by email at [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org) if you would like to provide altar flowers for that day.

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **Circle 8**.

## MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE

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The next Central **MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, from **5 to 8 pm**. The menu will be Lou Malnati's pizza, green salad, and dessert. The movie will be "**Patriot's Day**." RSVP to Gerhard Mels at 224-766-6738.

## UPPER ROOM

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The **May/June** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CENTRAL

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Learn more about **CENTRAL** and stay in touch through our **WEBSITE** at [www.skokiecentralumc.org](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org), by "liking" Central's **FACEBOOK** page (*Central United Methodist Church*), and through an **EMAIL UPDATE** which goes out every Friday, previewing what's happening Sunday. Sign up to receive it by sharing your email on the **WELCOME PAD** located in the pew, or by contacting the church office.

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas,  
preaching

Fellowship to follow

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

10 am - Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

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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

Steve Winker

### **At Home:**

Greg Arauco

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Russ Nelson

Wilma Odlivak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

## LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**James Faber**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Circle 8**

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

## MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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