

# **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Ascension Sunday**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**10:30 am**

\* Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

***Before the Throne of God Above***

*Charitie Lee Bancroft & Vikki Cook  
arr. Larry Shackley  
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Diane Wolff-Klammer, Leader*

Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet. Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

**Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!**

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven. Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

**Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!**

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds. Let us remember how he promised that we'd be clothed in power.

**Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!**

Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high. Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.

**Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!**

*[The Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton]*

\*Hymn 312

***Hail the Day That See Him Rise***

Opening Prayer

**O God of earth and sky, as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven, so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places. Though he is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide in him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.**

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## WORD

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First Reading	<b>Acts 1: 1 - 11</b> <i>Diane Wolff-Klammer, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 47</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b>Above All</b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Paul Baloche &amp; Lenny LeBlanc; arr. Lloyd Larson</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<b>Luke 24: 44 - 53</b>
*Hymn	<b>O Christ, When You Ascended</b> <i>Carolyn Winfrey Gillette</i>
Message	<b>The Torch is Passed</b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>Porgi Amor</b> <i>Le Nozze di Figaro by W. A. Mozart</i> <i>Katy Jacob, 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>
Prayer After Communion	

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn	<b>There is a Higher Throne</b> <i>Keith Getty &amp; Kristyn Lennox Getty</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b>We Will Glorify (Toccata Brillante)</b> <i>Twila Paris; arr. Fred Bock</i>

# 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, in silence.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **NINA ZAMORA** in celebration of her husband, **EUTOPIO's** birthday. To date, no one has signed up for flowers for **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**; 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 Sunday.

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Fellowship is hosted by **MAE WILLIAMS**.

## 8:30 AM SUMMER SERVICE: JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

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Due to a late Easter and scheduling issues, the **8:30 SUMMER SERVICE IN THE LOG CABIN** will begin Sunday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. The Chancel Choir will sing through Pentecost, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and Pastor Haley will be away June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## HELEN BEXTEL, 102

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Helen Bextel, 102, a member of Central Church for 66 years, died May 20 in Palatine, IL.

Helen, who was born October 13, 1914, in Providence, Rhode Island, was the wife of the late Harold V. Bextel and the mother of Harold V. (Judy) Bextel and Donald B. (Stana) Bextel. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

A Memorial Service will be held **Sunday, June 11**, at **2 pm** at Tamarack Retirement Home, 55 S. Greeley Street, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois 60022.

## CONCERT

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On **Friday, June 2**, at **7:30 pm**, Central Church presents Sal Malaki and "**A Strand of Musical Gems**," featuring sacred, opera, contemporary pop, and Philippine folk music. Katy Jacob, Ernesto and Millete Silverio, John Tiffin and Nick Werth will be performing. This is a fundraiser for Central; please join us for an evening of music. There will be a post-concert reception in Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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May 30 - David Shine

June 1 - Eden Soco

*To add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or [central\\_church@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).)*

## **CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Ascension Sunday**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 pm - Sal Malaki Concert

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

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

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.....**Diane Wolff-Klammer**

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

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

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

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

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

Fellowship.....**Mae Williams**

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

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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