

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 28th, 2017

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

10:30 am

* Please stand as able

GATHERING

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

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

TABLE

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

SENDING FORTH

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

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 2nd**; contact the church office at 847-673-1311 or by email at centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org if you would like to provide altar flowers for that Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP

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 18TH

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

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HELEN BEXTEL, 102

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28th

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8:45 am - Chancel Choir

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

Wednesday, May 31st

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, June 1st

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, June 2nd

7:30 pm - Sal Malaki Concert

Sunday, June 4th

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***