

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 9th, 2017

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata K.87

by Domenico Scarlatti

John Tiffin

Welcome &

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pam Castaneda, Leader

Come to our God, all who hunger for life:
**for it is God who nourishes us
at the Table of Grace.**

Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:
**for it is God who provides
the rest we need.**

Come to our God, all who are weighed down:
**for it is our God who carries
our burdens with us.**

*Hymn 400

***Come, Thou Fount
of Every Blessing***

Opening Prayer

**God of wisdom and mercy, in whose kingdom
the lowly are exalted, the exhausted given strength,
and the dead raised: Give to us your grace, that as
we hear your word and sing your praise, we might
be restored and renewed to serve you joyfully, in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading	<i>Romans 7: 15 - 25a</i> <i>Pam Castaneda, Reader</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 145: 8 - 14</i> <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	<i>Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - 30</i>
Hymn 2158 (TFWS)	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>
Message	<i>Let Go and Let God</i> <i>Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<i>Sonata #20, opus 49, #2</i> <i>by Ludwig van Beethoven</i> <i>Nick Werth</i>

TABLE

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 384	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	

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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.

REV. DR. SYLVIA PLEAS

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 in Skokie.

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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PAM CASTANEDA** in loving memory of her mother, **JEAN GORF**.

SUNDAY: JULY 9TH & 16TH

PASTOR HALEY is on vacation this Sunday and next Sunday. **REV. SYLVIA PLEAS** is the preacher today, and **REV. LISL HEYMANS PAUL** will be the preacher next Sunday, July 16th. There will be no 8:30 am service in the Log Cabin today or next Sunday; please attend the 10:30 am service.

MILLETE

Please continue to keep **MILLETE SILVERIO**, our Choir Director/Accompanist in your prayers. As of Friday, Millete was still in Sherman Hospital in Elgin. Our thanks to **JOHN TIFFIN** and **NICK WERTH** today for filling in for Millete while she remains hospitalized. Please sign the card for Millete on the table in the narthex.

STATEMENTS

Statements of your giving through June 30, 2017, are available in the Narthex and will be handed out by Doris and Pam after the service. A commitment card is also enclosed with the statement to assist you in making your financial commitment to Central for 2017.

UPPER ROOM

The **JULY/AUGUST** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the vestibule.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 14 - Ferdinand Soco, Jr.
Joshua Andrews

June 18 - Christopher Soco

To add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, July 9th

(No 8:30 Worship)

10:30 am - **Worship** (S)

Rev. Dr. Sylvia Pleas,
preaching

Sunday, July 16th

(No 8:30 Worship)

10:30 am - **Worship** (S)

Rev. Lisl Heymans Paul,
preaching

Tuesday, July 11th

Wednesday, July 12th

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

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
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader..... **Pam Castaneda**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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