

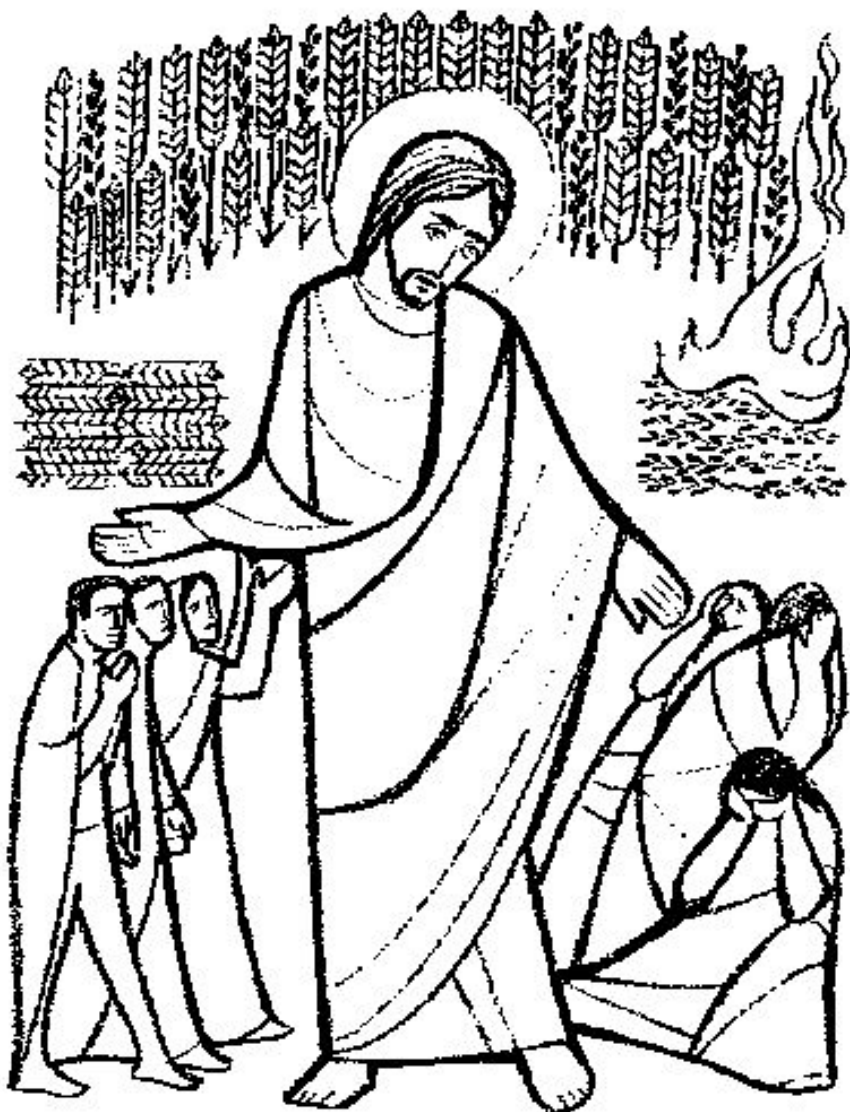
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 23rd, 2017
8:30 & 10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

Michele Harbeck Haley

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Myles Glasgow, Leader

From the moment we open our eyes each morning, until we close them at night, God is with us.

There is no one like you, our God!

In times when we are surrounded with struggles, in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

There is no one like you, our Brother!

When we feel orphaned by the world, when we are welcomed into faith's family, the Holy Spirit is with us.

**There is no one like you,
Witnessing Spirit!**

- Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies

*Hymn 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Opening Prayer

Holy One, you know us thoroughly, loving us despite the failures, shortcomings and sins that grow like weeds in our lives. Help us recognize your presence with us at all times and places, such that this awareness might clear away anything and everything that chokes out a vital and nourishing connection between us and you, our Creator. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how to live in this way. Amen.

WORD

First Reading	Genesis 28: 10 - 19 <i>Myles Glasgow, Reader</i>
Psalms	Psalm 139: 1 - 12, 23 - 24 <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43
*Hymn	All My Days <i>Laurie Zelman & Mark A. Miller</i>
Message	Wheat or Weed <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil <i>Handt Hanson</i> <i>Michele Harbeck Haley</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	Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil <i>Words and Music by Handt Hanson</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Petite Trio for Organ <i>Gordon Young</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 **NENA ZAMORA**. The **ALTAR CLOTHS** are a variety of cloths given by members.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Next Sunday is a Fifth Sunday, when we offer **PRAYERS FOR HEALING** following worship, for those who seek healing. Everyone who seeks healing for any reason is invited to participate.

LEONE O'ROARK, 101

LEONE O'ROARK, 101, passed away Wednesday, July 19th, following a brief hospitalization. Leone is survived by her three sons, Joe, Bob and Michael, and their families, and was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph O'Roark. Though plans are incomplete at this time, a memorial service will be held in the near future. Following the death of Helen Bextel in May, Leone was Central's oldest member, a member of Central for over 60 years. Now at rest, Leone will always be fondly remembered.

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MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE

The next Central **MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, July 29th**, from **5 to 8 pm**. The menu will be Lou Malnati's Pizza, green salad and dessert. The movie will be "**Bleed for This.**" RSVP to Gerhard Mels at 224-766-6738.

SUMMER GIVING

Just a reminder that while summer is typically a lean time in church as people go on vacation, the bills keep on coming! You may give to **CENTRAL'S OPERATING FUND, BUILDING FUND, or MEMORIAL FUND** through today's offering, by mailing your donation to the church office, or electronically by going to www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html. Don't forget: **GIVE BEFORE YOU GO!** Thank you for your gifts, however they are given!

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

July 23 - Patty Tiffin

July 30 - Jayne Blades Epperson

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

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, July 23rd

8:30 am - **Worship** (LC)

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

Saturday, July 29nd

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

Sunday, July 30th

8:30 am - **Worship** (LC)

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

Prayers for healing to follow

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
Steve Winker

At Home:

Janet Casey
Lola Hessing
Russ Nelson
Wilma Odlivak
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader.....**Myles Glasgow**
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***