

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 18, 2018

10:30 AM

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**Please stand as able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Largo in G (Xerxes)

George F. Handel

edited by Diane Bish

Millete Silverio, organ

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor Timothy Biel Jr

*Call to Worship

Ben Arvizu, Reader

Come worship the Lord who is in our
midst today.

There is no Holy One like our God.

Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices to
praise the Lord of strength.

There is no Rock like our God.

We prepare to listen and learn with open
hearts and open minds.

**There is no Source of knowledge like
our God.**

We trust that righteousness will come on the
heels of God's judgment.

There is no Justice like our God.

May the Son of our God lead us into faith.

There is no Guide like Our God.

Come worship the Lord who is in our midst
today.

Hymnal #310

He Lives

Opening Prayer

Holy One, there is no God like you.

**In praise and thanksgiving, we come before
you ready to learn of your power, ready to
follow your path for our lives. Through days
of jubilation as well as dejection, help us
realize your influence in the world.**

**We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes
to see and minds to comprehend the
blessings you bestow. AMEN.**

WORD

First Reading

Psalm 113

Anthem ***The Majesty and Glory
of Your Name***
Tom Fettke
The Chancel Choir

Second Reading ***Isaiah 1:10-18***

Hymn ***Abundant Life***

Today's Message ***Why God Doesn't Want
Your Money***
Pastor Timothy Biel Jr

Entrance into Silence
Hymnal #72 ***Gloria***
(once in Unison, twice in Round)

Prayers of People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Celebration Sunday Speaker **Gerhard Mels**

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup
(Please go forward to receive the bread and the cup and
place your Commitment Card in the Thanksgiving
Basket.)

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

*Hymnal #593 ***Here I am, Lord***

*Benediction and Passing the Peace

*Postlude ***Fanfare and Pageant of Praise***
Don Wyrzten
Millete Silverio, organ

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WELCOME!

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and are honored that you have come to worship at Central. Today, as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be a member of United Methodist 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 go forward to receive the bread and the cup.

CELL PHONES

Please silence all cell phones during the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in thanksgiving for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's fellowship is hosted by the **MISSION COMMITTEE** and **KAREN BUCCOLA**.

NOVEMBER: STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Our **STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE DRIVE** ends today, Commitment Sunday, with Pastor Biel's last of the stewardship sermon series.

COMMITMENT CARDS

Today is **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**, when we present our **COMMITMENT CARDS** for our gifts to God through Central for 2019. As you come forward to take communion, please place your **COMMITMENT CARD** in the Thanksgiving basket. If you forgot your card or did not receive one, extras are available from the ushers. If you are not ready to offer your Commitment Card today, you may do so on future Sundays or mail it to the church office.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and gifts. By your giving, Central Church continues to be a source of blessing to us and to many.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Believe it or not, it's time to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**. The cost is \$10 per plant. Order forms are available from the ushers and in the narthex. Orders must be in by **Sunday, December 2**.

FURNACE UPDATE

Two new furnaces will be installed on the west side of the Education Building next week. The furnace on the east side has been installed and is working hard to keep everyone warm on that side of the building. The cost of installing the furnaces is \$40,000. The congregation has contributed approximately \$3,000 to date. Additional contributions for the new and efficient models will be greatly appreciated. Please put "furnace" on the memo line of your check.

SANTA IN THE CABIN

Volunteers are needed to help with SANTA IN THE CABIN on Saturday, December 8th. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help set up Friday evening, kitchen and bake sale help, floaters through the day. We also need another volunteer for Santa - just a couple of hours. Volunteers are also needed to bake items for the bake sale. Flyers are in the Narthex. Please take one to hand out to friends and coworkers to spread the word about Santa in the Cabin. **Please see Pam Castaneda or contact the church office at 847-673-1311 if you can help with this event.**

CONNECTION CARDS

Connection Cards are included in the bulletin. Even if you previously filled out the card, please sign your name and put it in the offering plate and mark it "no changes." If possible, please add an emergency contact number and your birthday. We would also like to learn your areas of interest - see the reverse side of the card.

INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

This year's **INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING** will be on **Tuesday, November 20**, at **7:30 pm** at **ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 8116 Niles Center Road** in **Skokie**.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

November 23 - Janine Villamayor; November 26 - Claire Rogoski

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, November 18 Thursday, November 22

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship
REV. TIMOTHY BIEL JR.
Fellowship to follow

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23

1:00 - 6:00 pm - Decorating
the Log Cabin

Tuesday, November 20

7:30 pm - Interfaith Thanks-
giving Service, St. Peter's
Catholic Church, Skokie

Sunday, November 25

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship
Fellowship to follow

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office at 847-673-1311*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass
Brian Gut
Steve Winker
Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Carolyn Adams
Nancy Blaylock
Janet Casey
Jacquie Leipold
Lois Martin
Rev. Sylvia Pleas
Harriet Tiahnybik
Nena Zamora
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy Biel Jr.**
Reader.....**Ben Arvizu**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom**
Pam Castaneda
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Mission Committee**
& Karen Buccola
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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