

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**None of us can know the heart
of God alone. To encounter
Holy Mystery, we depend on
each other, on the earth and its
creations, and on the ones
who came before and will
come after us.**

February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8 am - RISE@Central

10:30 am - Classic Service

* = Please stand as able

The Best YOU for 2020

RISE@Central

8 am Worship Experience

Victoria Biel, Director of Contemporary Music

Words of Welcome Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Songs of Praise ***Mighty to Save/
I Refuse***

Message: Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Communion
and Offering ***Living Hope***

Closing Song of Praise ***I Refuse*** (chorus only)

Blessing

QUESTIONS:

1. How does the image of this great crowd of witnesses shape your daily behavior and speech?

2. What are the types of "extra baggage" we can pick up in the course of our Christian journey?

3. What are some practical steps that help you fix your eyes on Jesus?

Resurrected - Jesus is Alive! This is the good we believe.
Into - We internalize the Good News with Inner Study and Spiritual Disciplines.
Service - We act out our faith through service.
Evangelism - We invite and share our faith.

10:30 am Classic Service

The prayers and quotes are from *Enfleshed.com*

Prelude	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i> Millete Silverio, piano
Welcome	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Call to Worship	Rev. Adrienne Stricker, <i>Reader</i>
Black History Month Hymn #3040	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Micah 6:1-8
Anthem	<i>Blessed Are They</i> The Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:1-12
Hymnal #451	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Message	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Entrance into Silence	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (please come forward to receive the bread and the cup and place your offering in the plate at the side of the aisle.)	
Communion Music	
Prayer after Communion	
Announcements	
*TFWS #2184	<i>Sent Out in Jesus' Name</i>
Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i> Millete Silverio, piano

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing 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 proceed forward to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **KATHY SHINE** in celebration of her birthday. There are still many open dates on the **2020 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation, hosted today by **Marigold Cooper**. **There are still many open dates on the Calendar**. If you cannot host Fellowship, please consider making a donation so we can continue to provide Fellowship.

RISE@CENTRAL

If you are an early riser and want to hear uplifting contemporary Christian music, come to our Rise@Central service at **8 am** on Sunday morning.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be meeting **tonight**, at **6 pm** in the Log Cabin. Please join us for a fun evening.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the Narthex.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Thank you for your giving throughout 2019 and into the new year of 2020. Financial envelopes for 2019 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Doris Bloom (847-673-1311).

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to Max Bailey, Ron Konior, Elton Moody and John Tiffin for putting away the Nativity Scene which was in front of the church. Spring looks a lot closer now.

INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR PEACE

Niles Township Clergy Forum holds a silent vigil in response to the local, national and global violence, oppression and injustice. Clergy and other broader community gather in an outer circle **every Wednesday** at the Village Green outside the Skokie Public Library at **4 pm** for seven minutes. Silence - the still, small voice - has power. Prayer for Peace, Love and Kindness in silence is made for all.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Central is blessed with a variety of areas that are available for use by members of Central and the community. Did you know that Fellowship Hall is used by large groups that meet and need the use of a kitchen? The Log Cabin has a large meeting room and several smaller rooms (including the two refurbished rooms upstairs) that can be used for breakout sessions. The Sanctuary can be used for musical and drama presentations. In the summer, our renovated patio on Concord Lane is available. A fee is charged to use these spaces. For more information, call the church office at 847-673-1311.

LENT STUDY EXPERIENCE

Our Lenten program this year will be exploring *Searching for Sunday*, an honest and riveting exploration of journeying through the life of faith. The classes will be held on Wednesday evening, **March 4 to April 1** at **7:15 pm** on the upper level of the Log Cabin. The classes will be facilitated by Pastor Biel and Deacon Adrienne Stricker. To purchase a book (\$16 including shipping) please contact the church office.

FREE BOOKS!

If you love books, Margaret Aiseayew is giving away her library. However, she will accept donations towards Central's missions. Please see Margaret after church if you are interested..

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 9 - Rose David

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8 am - **Rise@Central Service** (S)
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)
10:30 am - **Worship (S)**
Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8 am - **Rise@Central Service** (S)
8:45 am - Choir Practice (S)
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)
10:30 am - **Worship (S)**
Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

4 pm - Silent Vigil (Village Green)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted

Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass
Brian Gut
Bob Wallander
Steve Winker
Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Elisa Arauco
Greg Arauco
Mavis Fowlin
Arlene Glazier
Harriet Tiahnybik
Cory Wallander
Nena Zamora
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**
Deacon.....**Rev. Adrienne Stricker**
Reader.....**Rev. Adrienne Stricker**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Director/Contemporary Music.....**Victoria Biel**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda
& Kathy Tiffin**
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Marigold Cooper**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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