

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In a world where "nations conspire and people plot in vain," the Holy One calls upon leaders and rulers to humble themselves to turn from their destructive ways and seek out the flourishing of collective life made possible through God.

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February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

8 am - RISE@Central

10:30 am - Classic Service

* = Please stand as able

The Good Life

Loving God and Loving Others

RISE@Central

8 am Worship Experience

Victoria Biel, Director of Contemporary Music

Words of Welcome Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Songs of Praise ***Made to Worship/
Broken Vessels
(Amazing Grace)***

Message: Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Communion
and Offering ***Love Like This***

Closing Song of Praise ***Broken Vessels***

Blessing

QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways, if any, are you trying to let someone else relate to God for you? How can you make that vital relationship your own?

2. What has stopped you from loving someone relentlessly? How might you love them more fully today and tomorrow?

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>We Declare Your Majesty</i> Millete Silverio, piano John Tiffin, keyboard
Welcome	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Call to Worship	Kathy Shine
*Hymn #103	<i>Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise</i>
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 24:12-18
Anthem	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i> The Chancel Choir Jeanne Parker, soloist
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 17:1-9
*TFWS #2197	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>
Message	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Entrance into Silence Hymal #349	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving with musical setting from TFWS #2257a-d	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (please come forward to receive bread and the cup and place your offering in the plate at the side of the aisle.)	
Prayer after Communion	
Announcements	
*Closing Black History Month Hymn #519	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>
Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i> Millete Silverio, piano John Tiffin, keyboard

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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.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Today is the **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** Sunday, the last Sunday after the Epiphany and the Sunday before **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of **LENT**. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday, **February 26**. The sign of the ashes will be available for all who desire them from **5 pm to 7 pm** in the Sanctuary. A sheet of introduction and preparation will be provided; drop by, prayerfully prepare yourself, receive the sign of ashes and begin the holy season of **LENT**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PAM CASTANEDA** in celebration of her 50th Wedding Anniversary.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation, hosted today by the **BARTLETT FAMILY** in celebration of **ZACH's** 12th birthday.

RISE@CENTRAL

Are you looking for a deeper connection with Jesus? Would you like to explore Christian discipleship in a new engaging way? Then think about worshiping at our 8 am RISE@Central Service. RISE@Central is a 35-40 minute contemporary format service that actively engages all age groups. Sing along to new and favorite K-LOVE or Air1 hits, while growing in your faith.

Musicians/Singers Grades 5-Adult

RISE@Central Worship invites your participation. See Victoria, Directory of Contemporary Music, for details and to fill out a survey for participation in RISE@Central.

UPPER ROOM

The **March/April** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the Narthex and in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

LENT STUDY EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday evenings, **March 4** through **April 1**, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a Soup and Salad Supper at **6:30 pm** followed by a Lent Study Experience at **7:15 pm** using the book, "Searching for Sunday" by Rachel Held Evans, a challenging and unique perspective of discipleship. This is an interactive book study and participants are asked to read each week's chapter ahead of time and will have a chance to creatively respond in the class. On **Wednesday, March 4**, the theme will be "**Baptism**" (pages 3-40) and on **Wednesday, March 11**, the theme will be "**Confession**" (pages 43-94). The classes will be facilitated by Pastor Biel and Deacon Adrienne Stricker. The books are available in the Narthex or from the church office at a cost of \$16. Please let the office know if you can volunteer to prepare a soup, set-up and/or clean up - 847-673-1311.

LENT AT THE EDGE

On **Tuesday, March 3**, Lent at the Edge begins at 8 am in the Log Cabin. If you can make it, it's great to do contemplative practices in a group setting.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be traveling to ChildServ this evening. Please meet Pastor Biel at **6 pm** outside the Log Cabin. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Biel at 708-271-2998.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** will be this **Friday, February 28** at **5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in followed by a movie. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend; 847-673-1311 or centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org.

FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome food donations to the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed are: **Cereal, Rice/Rice Dishes, Coffee/Tea and Shampoo/Conditioner**. Shopping reminder cards are available in the Narthex. If you forget to purchase the items above, bring a can of "anything" in your cupboard/pantry for the Food Pantry. All donations are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 26 - Rev. Sylvia Pleas
February 27 - Zachary Bartlett

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Noon - Trustees Mtg. (LC)

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

4 pm - Silent Vigil (Village Green)

5-7pm - Ash Wednesday

Ashes (S)

7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

Thursday, February 27, 2020

10 am - Prayer Shawl Mission

Friday, February 28, 2020

5 pm - Ladies' Night Out

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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8:45 am - Choir Practice (S)

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)

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

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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

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.....**Kathy Shine**

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.....**Bartlett Family**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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