

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**But like Jesus in the wilderness,  
the Spirit illuminates the  
power of God in us  
to turn from patterns of  
destruction and create new paths  
to flourishing together.**

*from Enfleshed.com*

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**March 1, 2020**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**8 am - RISE@Central**

**10:30 am - Classic Service**

\* = Please stand as able

# What Would Jesus Say About . . . Our Divided Nation

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## **RISE@Central** **8 am Worship Experience** Victoria Biel, Director of Contemporary Music

Words of Welcome                      Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Songs of Praise                      ***Proof of Your Love/  
Christ in Me***

Message:                                      Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Communion and Offering                      ***Come Alive (Dry Bones)***

Closing Song of Praise                      ***Proof of Your Love***

Blessing

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who do you find it difficult to like or trust?
2. Remember that Jesus died for them, too. Does Jesus' grace make you more willing to tackle the hard work of breaking down long-standing biases and actions?
3. How can you discern those (in any nation or faith) who seek to tear down walls and create more goodwill and peace from those who wish to build higher walls of separation and ill-will?

**R**esurrected - Jesus is Alive! This is the good we believe.  
**I**nto - We internalize the Good News with Inner Study and Spiritual Disciplines.  
**S**ervice - We act out our faith through service.  
**E**vangelism - We invite and share our faith.

# 10:30 am Classic Service

The prayers and quotes are from *Enfleshed.com*

Prelude	<b><i>Once to Every Man and Nation</i></b> Millete Silverio, piano
Welcome	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Call to Worship	Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Deacon
*Hymn #3002	<b><i>Blessed Be Your Name</i></b>
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Anthem	<b><i>When Jesus Walked the Wilderness</i></b> The Chancel Choir
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11
*TFWS #2138	<b><i>Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes</i></b>
Message	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Entrance into Silence TFWS #2166	<b><i>Christ Beside Me</i></b>
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	
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.) TFWS#2258 - <b><i>Sing Alleluia to the Lord</i></b> Hymnal #364 - <b><i>Because He Lives</i></b>	
Prayer after Communion	
Announcements	
*Hymn #126	<b><i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i></b>
*Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	<b><i>Blessed Be Your Name</i></b> Millete Silverio, piano John Tiffin, keyboard

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME!

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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

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **BARTLETT FAMILY** in celebration of **ZACH**'s 12th birthday and by the **FLORENCIO FAMILY** in celebration of **ISABELLA**'s birthday.

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation, hosted today by **JAS** and **JO FABER** in celebration of their wedding anniversary. and the **FLORENCIO FAMILY** in celebration of **ISABELLA**'s birthday.

## RISE@CENTRAL

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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

## LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

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It is hard to imagine planting flowers with the weather we are now experiencing! But, hope springs eternal! We are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available in the Narthex each Sunday and will be due **Sunday, March 22**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting.

To order, or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at [klbuccola@aol.com](mailto:klbuccola@aol.com), phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office. Please share the order form with neighbors and co-workers. For those who don't garden, consider a donation towards our church gardens. Thank you!

## LENT STUDY EXPERIENCE

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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. 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. A signup sheet is available if anyone would like to volunteer to prepare a soup, set-up and/or clean up - 847-673-1311.

## LENT AT THE EDGE

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This **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.

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

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There will be a Leadership Meeting on **Thursday, March 12** at **7 pm** in Fellowship Hall to discuss a letter received from Elston UMC regarding a possible merger. This will be a time to discuss the questions contained in Elston UMC's letter, which was emailed to the congregation on Friday. A copy of the letter is available in the Narthex. Elston UMC has invited us to visit their church next **Sunday, March 8**, at **2 pm** for conversation and to learn more about their congregation.

## YOUTH GROUP

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The Youth Group will be meeting this evening at **6 pm** for an evening of fun and games.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

## UPPER ROOM

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

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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March 3 - Isabella Florencio

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 1, 2020

### **First Sunday of Lent**

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

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

## Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8 am - Lent on the Edge (LC)

12:30 pm - Canasta

## Wednesday, March 4, 2020

4 pm - Silent Vigil (Village Green)

6:30 pm - Lenten Suppers (FH)

7:15 pm - Lent Study Experience

## Sunday, March 8, 2020

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **Daylight Savings Time Starts**

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

2 pm - Elston UMC visit

## **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

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.....**Jas and Jo Faber**

**and the Florencio Family**

Ministers .....**The People of the Congregation**

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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