

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Current research indicates that for those who are not in a church, 60-80% said they would come to church if someone invited them. Who have you asked to come to church with you in the last month?

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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

8 am - RISE@Central

10:30 am - Classic Service

* = Please stand as able

What Would Jesus Say About . . . Toxic Masculinity

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

Words of Welcome Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Songs of Praise ***What A Beautiful Name/
Way Maker***

Message: Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Communion and Offering ***Holy Water***

Closing Song of Praise ***Way Maker***

Blessing

QUESTIONS:

1. In the poetic archetypal lines of Genesis 1:27 it is stated: "God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female, God created them." What essential qualities do you believe make up "God's own image"?

2. In what vital ways can human beings share in those qualities?

3. What does this tell you about your worth and that of all other people?

10:30 am Classic Service

The prayers and quotes are from *Enfleshed.com*

Prelude	<i>My Tribute</i> Millete Silverio, organ
Welcome	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Call to Worship	Pam Castaneda, Reader
*URWB #62	<i>Sing For God's Glory</i>
Opening Prayer	
Psalms 122 - URWB #321	<i>I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say</i>
Scripture Reading	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Anthem	<i>For God So Loved The World</i> The Chancel Choir
*Gospel Reading	John 3:1-17
*TFWS #2055	<i>You Are My Hiding Place</i>
Message	Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Entrance into Silence Hymnal #189	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> , v. 4
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Invitation to Offering	
Offertory Prayer of Dedication	<i>Calvary's Love with Only Jesus</i>
Great Thanksgiving (URWB #50) The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (please stay seated to receive bread and the cup.)	
Prayer after Communion	
Announcements	
*Hymn #389	<i>Freely, Freely</i>
*Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>

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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 stay seated to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MAE WILLIAMS** in loving memory of her brother, **DONALD ELLIS**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation, hosted today by **MARIANO SANTOS**.

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 worshipping 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.

LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

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, 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

This Wednesday, **March 11**, 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. This Wednesday 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 at a cost of \$16. A sign up 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

This **Tuesday, March 10**, 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.

ALL CHURCH MEETING

All are welcome at the All Church 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 last week. A copy of the letter is available in the Narthex. Elston UMC, 5850 Elston Ave, Chicago, has invited us to visit their church today, **Sunday, March 8**, at **2 pm** for conversation and to learn more about their congregation.

GETHSEMANE PRAYER BANNER

The beautiful Gethsemane Prayer Banner hanging in the foyer by the stairs was given by the Lee family. It was made by a Chinese Christian woman and the design was developed using the 1,000-year-old batik technique (wax printing) with Christian arts.

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 12 - Jan Rogoski
March 14 - Cindy Barron

CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8 am - Lent on the Edge (LC)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

4 pm - Silent Vigil (Village Green)

6:30 pm - Lenten Suppers (FH)

7:15 pm - Lent Study Experience

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7 pm - All Church Meeting (FH)

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third 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)**

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Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group

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.....**Pam Castaneda**
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.....**Mariano Santos**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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