

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

***Knowing You
(All I Once Held Dear)***

Words & Music by Graham Kendrick
Arr. by Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
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*Call to Worship

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr., *Reader*

We gather here in this house of the Lord. We look around and everywhere we see the loving spirit of the Lord, shining in the smiles of the people here who have become dear to us. We hear it in the singing of the choir and the congregation. We greet one another, sharing the joys and troubles of our lives through the stories we tell. We take comfort in one another and in the rituals of the worship that are eternal and that are new each time we enter into them. We listen to the stories of those who have gone before us in proclaiming the truth and the mystery of the love of God. And all these things are good.

All: Lord God, we thank you for entering into your house. We thank you for the joy and comfort that your love, expressed by the people in this house brings to us. It is a gift beyond price, beyond mere words to express. As we tell our stories of faith and failure, of joy and sorrow, of hopes lost and of hopes renewed, we remember that in each story, and in the silences that come between each story, we find you, ever faithful, ever loving, ever to be trusted. We wait with anticipation to learn what stories you will inspire us to tell and how those stories may transform the world. AMEN.

*TFWS #2202

Come Away With Me To A Quiet Place

WORD

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Anthem

Draw Me Close

Kelly Carpenter, Jack Schaefer
The Chancel Choir
Nick Werth, drums

*Gospel Reading

John 12: 1-8

*Hymnal #534

Be Still My Soul

The Message

Every Prayer a Story

Christopher Bartlett

Entrance into Silence

*Hymnal #348

***Softly And Tenderly
Jesus is Calling
(verse 1)***

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Dante's Prayer

Loreena McKennitt

Christopher Bartlett, soloist, violin

Millete Silverio, piano

John Tiffin, keyboard

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please come forward to receive the bread and the cup)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

My Story

Benediction and Passing the Peace

Postlude

Tell it to Jesus

Edmund S. Lorenz, 1854-1942

Arr. by Mary McDonald

Millete Silverio, piano

John Tiffin, keyboard

Nick Werth, drums

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

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 come forward to receive the bread and the cup.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for **EASTER**.

SIMPLE SUPPERS

Every Wednesday during Lent, we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall for a simple supper and devotion from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Please let the office know if you will be attending and/or if you will be able to bring something toward the simple supper.

HOLY WEEK

We will be holding our **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** on **April 18** at **6:30 pm** in the Log Cabin, sharing a simple meal followed by Holy Communion.

The **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** service will be held outside, rain or shine, at **6 pm** on **April 19**.

The Easter Sunday service will be at 10:30 am on **Sunday, April 21**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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 **SIMLA CORPUZ**.

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FOOD PANTRY

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.

SPRING GREENING

Skokie's Reuse and Recycling event is on **Sunday, April 14, 2019**, between **10 am and 2 pm** at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie. The office is cleaning out its surplus paper, toner, etc. and would welcome help taking it to the Recycling event. Pastor Biel is happy to help but will need a ride! Please call the office if you can help - 847-673-1311.

CLEAN, GREEN, KENTON AVENUE

Skokie is holding a 2019 Clean, Green Skokie program. Central could help with this by cleaning up Kenton Avenue and qualify for a tree planted in Central's honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. Please let the office know if you would be interested in cleaning up the street on which the church lives, Kenton Avenue.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 8 - Bernice Herwald

April 9 - Sharon Carey

April 12 - Dan Carey



CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.

Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8 pm - Central Church Youth Mtg.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:30 pm - Simple Suppers

7 pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 72

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

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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:

Greg Arauco

Edith Bass

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Tom Downes

Harriet Tiahnybik

Jonathan Villamayor

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Reader.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Simla Corpuz**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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