

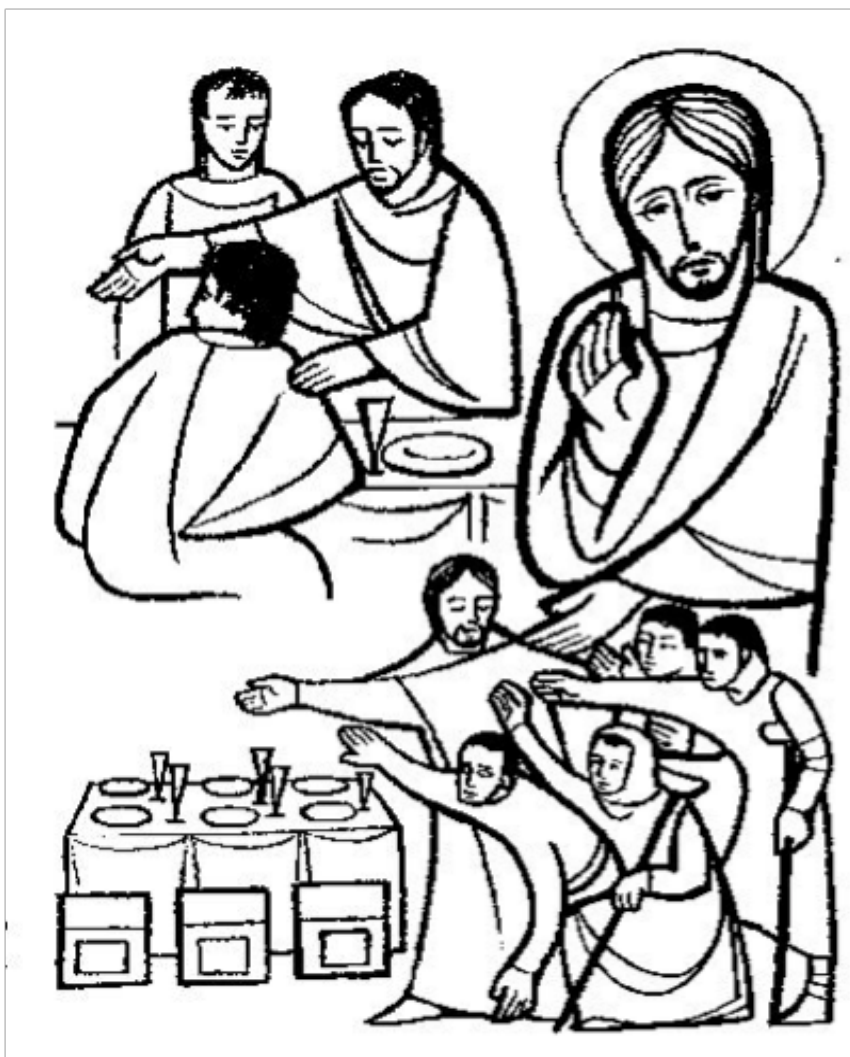
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 1, 2019
Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

We Gather Together

Dutch Hymn Tune

Arr by Jan Sanborn

Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

*Call to Worship

Kathy Tiffin, *Reader*

God of Creation, Majesty and Glory.

We come to worship You.

God of Humanity, who makes us Family

We come to celebrate with You.

God of Beauty, Wonder and Mystery.

We come to praise and be in awe of You.

God of all Nations, of all Peoples, of all Places

**We are invited and we in turn invite each other
to worship, celebrate and praise You! Amen!**

by Rev. Mindi

*Hymn

Bring Us Home

Call to Confession:

Leader: God of Wholeness, we have become fragmented. We build up walls and hide ourselves from others. The pain of others is too much to deal with. The struggles of the world are too much to bear. We'd much rather just focus on our own lives, on our own jobs and families. But God, You have called us to be Your people, a people of the Covenant in which You are our God, not only my God.

All: You have called us to be the people of the New Commandment, which is to love one another. We cannot go it alone. We cannot put blinders on and build up our dividers. Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might participate in the healing of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to bring us life that we might have it abundantly, we pray. Amen.

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Go, bring hope and peace. Live into faith. Be love. Amen.

WORD

Scripture ***Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13***

Gospel ***Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14***

Message: Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.

Entrance into Silence
TFWS #2129 ***I Have Decided***

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory ***Ave Maria***
Franz Schubert
Christopher Bartlett, soloist
Millete Silverio, piano

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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

TFWS #2265 - Time Now To Gather
Hymnal #618 - Let Us Break Bread Together

SENDING FORTH

*TFWS# 2155 ***Blest Are They***

Benediction and
Passing the Peace

Postlude ***Passacaglia***
Gordon Young
Millete Silverio, organ

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 today by **LINDA HOVLAND** in loving memory of her husband, **JIM**.

SUMMER IS FADING . . .

Even though we will be returning to our normal worship service at 10:30 am on Sunday, September 8, our annual **KICK OFF POTLUCK** will be on **Sunday, September 15** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Meat, plates, utensils and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to share. (If you don't cook, consider a donation). If you can help with set up or clean up, please let **Mae Williams** know at **847-676-0798** or **hhldmaster@aol.com**. You can also call the office at **847-673-1311**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time for the rest of the year. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

Choir practice starts on **Sunday, September 8** at **8:45 am** in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome!

Adult Sunday School class starts back on **Sunday, September 8**, at **9:30 am** in the Log Cabin. All are welcome.

FAITH FAMILY FOOTBALL FUN

Join us at a Northwestern Football game on **Saturday, September 14 at 2:30 pm**. Tickets **start** at just \$15 (depending on location plus service fee). Listen to Athletes in Action postgame Roundtable, "Faith: On (And Off) The Field", followed by a Q&A session and group photo. Let the office know by **Saturday, September 7** if you are interested in going so we can get a group together and take advantage of group specially-priced tickets.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE!

29 backpacks and many, many school supplies were delivered to ChildServ on Tuesday, August 27, by Kathy Tiffin and Barb Smith. Thanks to all for your generosity in making a happy first day back to school for many.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEMS

On **Tuesday, September 10**, at First UMC, 418 Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge, from **9 am to 12 noon**, the Chicago Northwestern District will be holding a conference-wide training to help leaders become more intentional about making disciples in their ministry setting. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending so we can go in a group.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you interested in joining Central or just want to hear more about the church, please join Rev. Biel on **Wednesday, September 25**, at **7 pm** for Pizza with the Pastor in Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GET-TOGETHER

Please join Pastor Biel and Ruby David for Sunday evening youth get-togethers. More details to follow

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.

ALL AGES RETREAT

There will be a Retreat on **October 5 and 6** at Wesley Woods, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Join us for fishing/camp fire/hiking and a good time. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$60 per person with a \$20 deposit by **September 15**. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex after the service.

UPPER ROOM

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 2 - Edgar Wolff-Klammer
September 8 - Timothy Biel III

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am - **Worship (LC)**

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

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am - Chancel Choir (S)

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

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

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after worship

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

6:30 pm - Silent Vigil at Holocaust

Statue on east side of

Skokie Library

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

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Greg Arauco

Arlene Glazier

Joy Hoffman

Jacquie Leipold

Harriet Tiahnybik

Cory Wallander

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

Reader.....**Kathy Tiffin**

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

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

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda
& Kathy Tiffin**

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

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

Ministers**Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.**

**Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Deacon
The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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