

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Lent IV

March 19, 2023 10:15am
Marjorie Kohler, Accompanist

We welcome our guests and visitors in worship today.
Please fill out the enclosed check-in slip
and place it in the offering plate.

The Life of the Church Pastor Stephen Underwood

WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

Prelude "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 586

*Call to Worship Lydia Comstock

Leader: You who are poor, why have you come?

People: To hear good news.

Leader: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

People: To heal our hearts.

Leader: You who are captive, why have you come?

People: To hear words of freedom.

Leader: You who are prisoners, why have you come?

People: To be released from what binds us.

Leader: You who mourn, why have you come?

People: To receive comfort.

Leader: Then you are welcome here in this place,
at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for
all.

People: Amen

Call to Worship by Joanna Harader

*Anthem 76
"The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young"

*Opening Prayer Lydia Comstock

*The Lord's Prayer Lydia Comstock

*You are invited to pray whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is
closest to your heart, or else follow along with the example on the
screen.*

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

A Reading from the Psalms Lydia Comstock

Psalm 8

Prayers of the People Rev. Stephen Underwood

*We invite everyone to share your concern
on the bulletin insert
and give it to God during our offering.*

Song of Illumination 511

"Strong, Gentle Children"

Scripture Reading Rev. Stephen Underwood

Matthew 19:13-24

Message Rev. Stephen Underwood

"Low Clearance"

WORSHIP WITH OUR LIVES

Invitation to Discipleship 340 v. 1

"Softly and Tenderly"

*Children of all ages are welcome to participate fully
in our worship service.*

WORSHIP WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Meditation Lynn Yahraus, Elder

Communion Hymn 420 v. 1, 3, 5
"I Come with Joy"

Communion Prayer Lynn Yahraus, Elder

Remembering the Words of Jesus
Rev. Stephen Underwood

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward as directed.

We also invite you to commune
with Jesus where you sit.

We remember Jesus in the breaking of the bread*
and through the cup of salvation.

* crackers are gluten free

Hymn Played During Communion:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles Converse, Composer
Fred Bock, Arrangement
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

WORSHIP WITH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

Blessing and Commission to Serve
Rev. Stephen Underwood

*Closing Song 431 v. 1, 3
"Go My Children with My Blessing"

*Music for Dismissal

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prayer from Sri Lanka

Gracious and loving Father,

Our heavenly Father, at this time of prayer, we would like to bring the oppressed and marginalized people working in the most difficult conditions, like the factories, mining industries, tea plantations, and rough seas of this nation for your mercies. Due to the prevailing social, political, and economic situations, our citizens, especially those marginalized people, face tremendous hardships and tribulations in carrying out their daily lives. Grant them your wisdom and power to overcome all the hurdles in their lives and experience your presence.

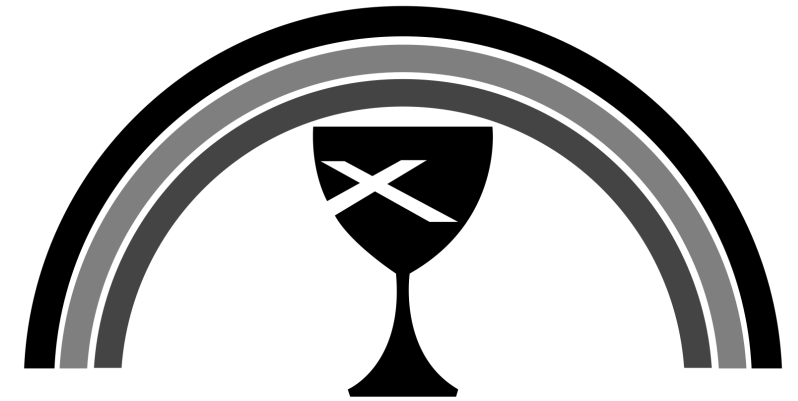
Almighty Lord, I commit these deserving communities into your mighty presence. Bless them and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they will make a difference in their lives and those around them. Grant them your knowledge so they can be faithful witnesses of your vineyard.

We ask all these in your precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Today's Servants	
Preparing:	Linda McCafferty
Worship Leader:	Lydia Comstock
Elder:	Lynn Yahraus
Greeters/Counters:	Kevin McCafferty Ken Palisin
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
Sunday Schedule	
8:00am: Elders Meeting	
9:00am: Sunday School, Faith Formation	
10:15 am: Worship Service	
Grounds Servant: Ken Palisin	
Rev. Stephen Underwood	513-808-5860
Marjorie Kohler, Sunday Accompanist	(H) 781-1630
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Joshua Davey, Custodian	(C) 231-8404

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Wednesdays in Lent, we'll again be offering *Lenten Vespers*** at 6pm, exploring six creative and embodied prayer practices to accompany you through Lent. These will be informally structured, so come any time during the hour and stay as long as you need.
- ◆ **Family Promise is preparing for their SOC HOP fundraiser**, and has asked us to provide a "theme basket" to be sold during their silent auction. If this is something you'd be interested in helping out with, reach out to someone from the Lydia Group, who is putting together our basket.
- ◆ **In the Fellowship Hall are two sign-up sheets**, one for the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Supper and the other for the Holy Saturday prayer vigil. You can read about both of these events in the most recent edition of the View newsletter.
- ◆ **Join us for Essentrics with Lynn** on Tuesdays at 2:00pm.



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Vision Statement

To be an inclusive people
living God's radical love
that challenges all
to grow in faith and mission.

Mission Statement

The mission of Central Christian Church is to empower people for Christ's ministries in their daily lives: home, school, workplace, church and community.

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