

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Lent V

March 26, 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 “Go, My Children With My Blessing” 431

\*Call to Worship Barb Kakalecik

Leader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**People: But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

Leader: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

**People: And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

Leader: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

**People: But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**

Leader: Why are we here?

**People: To drink the cup of fullness of life;  
To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;  
To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

Call to Worship by Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi

\*Anthem 461 v. 1, 3, 4  
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

\*Opening Prayer Barb Kakalecik

\*The Lord’s Prayer Barb Kakalecik

*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 Barb Kakalecik  
Psalm 113

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 453 v. 1, 2  
“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Scripture Reading Rev. Stephen Underwood  
Matthew 20:20-28

Message Rev. Stephen Underwood  
“King of Fools”

### WORSHIP WITH OUR LIVES

Invitation to Discipleship 344 v. 1, 2  
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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

## WORSHIP WITH THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion Meditation Emily Comstock, Elder

Communion Hymn 428 v. 1, 4  
“An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine”

Communion Prayer Emily Comstock, 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:

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”  
Will Lamartine Thompson, Composer  
Teresa Wilhelmi, 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 614 v. 1, 2  
“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

\*Music for Dismissal

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

## Prayer from Angola

God of joy and hope, we thank you for the challenging yet peaceful elections we had in August last year. Merciful God, give us the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may live in Christ and experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. Holy Spirit, put fire in our hearts, change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. Your spirit of wisdom has empowered the hard work of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola (IECA) as we struggle to stay alive and to be a voice among others working for peace with justice and challenging the culture of corruption in Angola.

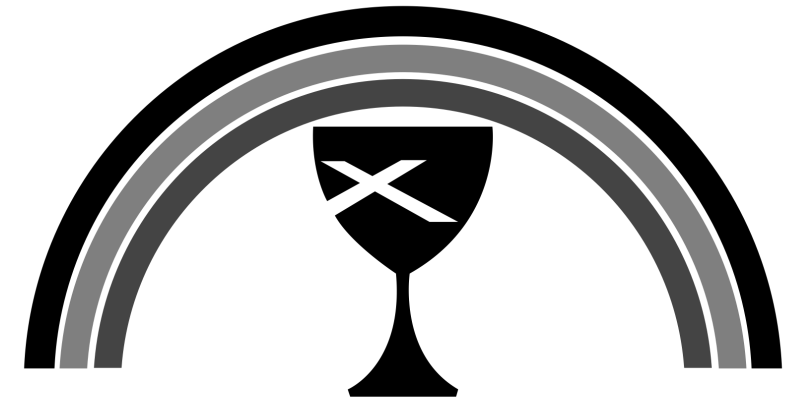
May your spirit guide us, I pray, in Christ Jesus' name, as each of us prays in the names by which you have made yourself known to us.

Amen.

<b>Today's Servants</b>	
Preparing:	Linda McCafferty
Worship Leader:	Barb Kakalecik
Elder:	Emily Comstock
Greeters/Counters:	Shelly Fagenstrom Judy Kenmir
Tech Booth:	Clint & Margaret Houge
<b>Sunday Schedule</b>	
8:00am: Elders Meeting	
9:00am: Sunday School, Faith Formation	
10:15 am: Worship Service	
Grounds Servant:	
Rev. Stephen Underwood	513-808-5860
Marjorie Kohler, Sunday Accompanist	(H) 781-1630
Kathy McKerrow, Song Leader	(C) 899-9059
Ruth Lindabury, Church Administrator	(C) 781-9309
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.
  - ◆ **Holy Week is April 2-8;** events include a special Palm Sunday worship service at our normal time, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae (sign-up for food in Fellowship Hall), and Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil/Labyrinth Walk from dawn to dusk.
  - ◆ **Easter is April 9th; we will have a pitch-in breakfast** at 9 and worship at our normal time, followed by an egg hunt!
  - ◆ **Pastor Stephen will be on vacation April 10th-18th,** and Rev. Tyler Heston of Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City will be preaching (virtually) on Sunday the 16th.
  - ◆ **Work Weekend at Cane Ridge West** is scheduled for May 19-21. Please join us to help the camp get ready for summer. All are welcome!
  - ◆ **Registration is now open for Summer Camp** at Cane Ridge West. Get the Early Bird rate now! Save \$15 if you register before May 30.
    - **GMPK Camp - July 7-9** (Entering Grades 1-3 w/ parent, grandparent, guardian)
    - **Kids Camp - July 10-15** (Entering Grades 2-3)
    - **Junior Camp - July 10-15** (Entering Grades 4-5)
    - **ChiRho/CYF - July 17-22** (Entering Grade 6-HS Grad)
- To find out more or to register go to:  
[northernlightsdisciples.org/summer-camps](http://northernlightsdisciples.org/summer-camps)
- ◆ **If you are planning to attend the Disciples General Assembly** in Louisville, Kentucky this summer, please let Pastor Stephen know.
  - ◆ **Essentrics with Lynn will not be held on Tuesday,** March 28



## 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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