

## SUNDAY WORSHIP Easter VII

May 21, 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 Rev. Stephen Underwood

### WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" 557

\*Call to Worship Sheena Jarvey

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:

People: **where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:

People: **where the naked are clothed in robes of  
hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long  
-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

People: **where the imprisoned model justice,  
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

Call to Worship from Thom Shuman. Used with permission.

\*Anthem 668  
"For the Healing of the Nations"

\*Opening Prayer Sheena Jarvey

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

\*The Lord's Prayer Sheena Jarvey

*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 Sheena Jarvey  
Psalm 23

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 470  
"When the Church of Christ"

Scripture Reading Rev. Stephen Underwood  
Matthew 25:31-46

Message Rev. Stephen Underwood  
"The Face of God"

### WORSHIP WITH OUR LIVES

Invitation to Discipleship 654  
"Here Am I"

*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 385 v. 1,3  
"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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:

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
By William B Bradbury  
Arranged by Teresa Wilhelmi  
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 655 v. 2  
"Community of Christ"

\*Music for Dismissal

## Prayers for the Philippines

Christ of Mercy, we pray today for all those who are struggling to recover from the rubble and ash of tragedy. We pray for the continued assurance of your presence, even in the midst of sorrow and loss. We are reminded that you, too are praying for us just as you prayed for your disciples. Thank you that you continue to sustain and care for us even as God our creator continues to love and protect us.

We pray for Dansalan College Foundation as it seeks new ways to re-grow from its tragedy. Bless their farm and forest project so that it will flourish and bear fruit. Bless the school that it will continue to nurture young people by educating them and cultivating their faith, character, and compassion for others. May the students, teachers, and staff of Dansalan College all flourish under your care and protection. We pray for Dansalan as it develops its Iligan Annex and discerns the future of its Marawi campus.

We pray for the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and all our partners in the Philippines. May you comfort and strengthen us all through our mutual prayer and support.

Amen

<b>Today's Servants</b>	
Worship Leader:	Sheena Jarvey
Elder:	Emily Comstock
Preparing:	Linda McCafferty
Greeters/Counters:	Barb Kakalecik Ken Palasin
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

- ◆ **Spirituality and Social Justice Book Club** is Wednesday at 6:30 discussing chapters 13-16 of *Parable of the Talents*.
- ◆ **CORRECTION: We are still having our Pride Worship Service**, partnering with the Great Falls LGBTQ Center and other Open and Affirming churches in the area, but the date has now been changed to the evening of June 18th!

If you are interested in participating as a reader or musician, let Pastor Stephen know!

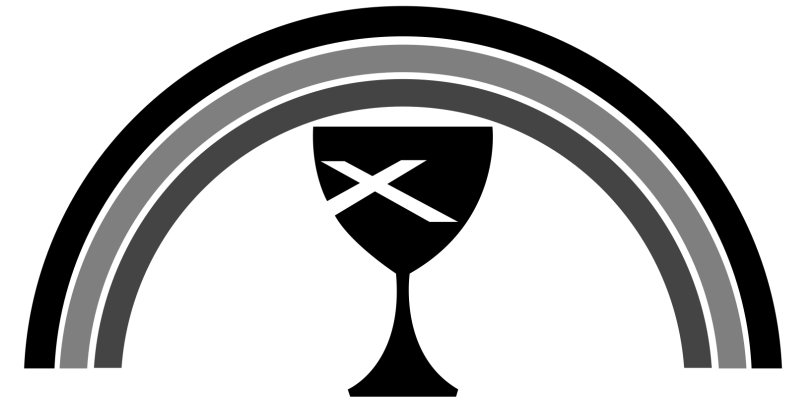
- ◆ **Pastor Stephen will be leading a study on Gender, Sexuality, and the Church** on Wednesday, June 28th at 7pm. If you have questions about these topics, either your own or those you want to be able to answer when asked by someone else, submit these by email to [pastor@gfccc.net](mailto:pastor@gfccc.net), or else use the "ballot box" at the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Pentecost Sunday is May 28th**, which marks the beginning of our summer hours: no more Sunday School or Faith Formation until the fall.
- ◆ **Pastor Stephen will be away June 5-11** for a clergy retreat. Guest preacher for the 11th TBA.

- ◆ **Registration is now open for Summer Camp** at Cane Ridge West.
  - **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)

- ◆ **Essentrics with Lynn will be held on Tuesday 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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