

Order of Worship

October 1st, 2023

Welcome to Central Christian Church!

We are so glad you're here this morning. Please feel free to participate in as much of the worship service as you would like to. Tables with coloring supplies for our younger Disciples (or anyone really) are available for use during the service.

Please take a few moments to fill out the bulletin insert so that we can stay in touch, answer questions you might have about getting involved, and pray for you. There will be an opportunity near the end of the service to place these slips in the offering tray.

Gathering for Worship

The Life of the Church Rev. Stephen Underwood

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* Lana Furdell

Call to Worship Sheena Jarvey

Please stand as you are able

Leader: To your table you bid us come.

People: **You have set the places, you have poured the wine, and there is always room, you say, for one more.**

Leader: And so we come.
From the streets and from the alleys we come.
From the deserts and from the hills we come.
From the ravages of poverty and from the palaces of privilege we come.

People: **Running, limping, carried, we come.**

Leader: To your table we come.

People: **Hungering for your bread, we come;
thirsting for your wine, we come;**

Leader: singing your song in every language,
speaking your name in every tongue, in conflict
and in communion, in discord and in desire,

People: **we come, O God of Wisdom, we come**

Call to Worship adapted from "Table Blessing" by Jan L. Richardson.

Anthem Lana Furdell
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
419

Invocation Sheena Jarvey

The Disciples' Prayer Sheena Jarvey

*The prayer Jesus taught his disciples has many variations.
Please use whatever words are closest to your heart,
or follow along with the words on the screen.
Then, be seated.*

Reading I Isaiah 55 Sheena Jarvey

Hearing the Word

Children's Moment Rev. Stephen Underwood

We invite all our younger Disciples (12 and under) to come to the front for a short lesson on today's Scripture reading.

Song of Illumination Lana Furdell
Break Thou the Bread of Life
321 v. 1,3

Reading II Rev. Stephen Underwood
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Rev. Stephen Underwood
Marks of Love: Fed

After the sermon, we share in a time of silent contemplation.

Invitational Lana Furdell
When You Do This, Remember Me
400

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Brett Fagenstrom

Use the bulletin insert to write down any joys or concerns for the elders to pray for in their weekly meetings, read aloud during the intercession in worship, and/or add to the congregational prayer chain.

Intercession Brett Fagenstrom

Invitation to the Table Rev. Stephen Underwood

*All are welcome at Christ's Table.
If you would like to receive communion, come forward row-by-row through the outside aisles as the hymn is being sung, placing offerings and bulletin slips in the tray as you do.*

Communion Hymn Lana Furdell
For Everyone Born
Insert

Returning to the World

Please stand as you are able

Benediction Rev. Stephen Underwood

Closing Chorus Lana Furdell
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread
398 v. 1

Depart in Peace.

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour immediately after worship.

Prayers for Mexico

God of living water, we thank you today for the gift of this wondrous liquid. Wherever we live, whoever we are, no matter what our beliefs or backgrounds, we are all the same in needing water. We recognize, however, that fresh, clean water is not evenly distributed around our planet nor readily available for everyone. We pray for northern Mexico, where a prolonged drought has brought anguish and despair to city dwellers, farmers, and ranchers. We pray for central Mexico, where the massive population of Mexico City overwhelms the capacity of the system to provide safe drinking water to marginalized communities and to treat sewage before draining into creeks and gullies. We pray for the southern states of Mexico, which have the highest populations of original peoples (pueblos originarios) as well as the poorest communities in the nation. These native peoples, with their ancestral connections to the land and its water, struggle every day for access as hydroelectric plants, mining and agriculture companies, and factories acquire exclusive water rights. As we gather around the table may we commit to caring for water, the precious liquid that cleanses us, quenches our thirst, and reminds us of the awesome power of our Creator.

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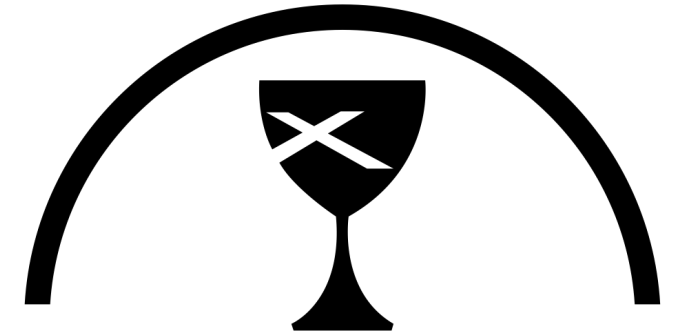
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Spirituality and Social Justice Book Club** meets to discuss chapters 5 and 6 of *This Here Flesh* this Wednesday, October 4th at 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **We will be hosting a Community Health Fair** on October 21st from 10am-3pm, partnering with Alluvion Health, Planned Parenthood, and other community organizations to help connect folks with the resources they need for physical, mental, and spiritual health. There will also be some non-certification training on First Aid, CPR, and the use of our new AED! Please spread the word in your circles.
- ◆ **On October 29th, we will be celebrating** the younger members of our community with a youth-led worship service. After worship on the 15th, kids and youth who are interested, along with their parents or guardians, are invited to stick around for a brief planning session for that upcoming service.
- ◆ **We have begun collecting candy** for our Halloween party on October 30th! Please put donations in the box at the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Essentrics with Lynn on Tuesday at 2pm.**
- ◆ **Town Pump has selected FISH** to be part of the 23rd annual "Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. Town Pump will match each dollar collected by FISH up to \$25,000 from September 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.

Today's Servants

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| Accompanist: | Lana Furdell |
| Song Leader: | Kathy McKerrow |
| Worship Leader: | Sheena Jarvey |
| Elder: | Brett Fagenstrom |
| Preparing: | Linda McCafferty |
| Greeters/Counters: | Mauri Novak Kevin McCafferty |
| Tech Booth: | Chris & Viv Hunter |
| Grounds: | |

Welcome to Worship!



Luke 24:13-35

Marks of Love: Fed

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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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

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