

Order of Worship

September 17th, 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 *Faith of Our Fathers* Marjorie Kohler

Call to Worship LeAnn Budeski

Please stand as you are able

Leader: God of the generations,

**People:when we set our hands to labor,
thinking we work alone,**

Leader: remind us that we carry
on our lips
the words of prophets,

**People:in our veins
the blood of martyrs,**

Leader: in our eyes
the mystics' visions,

**People:in our hands
the strength of thousands.**

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Anthem Marjorie Kohler

O God, Help in Ages Past
67 v. 1,3,4,5

Invocation LeAnn Budeski

The Disciples' Prayer LeAnn Budeski

*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 Psalm 145 LeAnn Budeski

Hearing the Word

Children's Moment Sheryl Knowles

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 Marjorie Kohler

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord
87

Reading II Rev. Stephen Underwood

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sermon Rev. Stephen Underwood

Family Heirlooms

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

Invitational Marjorie Kohler

Amazing Grace
546 v. 1,2,3

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Lynn Yahraus

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 Lynn Yahraus

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 Marjorie Kohler

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
385

Returning to the World

Please stand as you are able

Benediction Rev. Stephen Underwood

Closing Chorus Marjorie Kohler

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
46 (please sing the lyrics on the screen)

Depart in Peace.

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

Prayers for Kenya

Our dear loving God, we lift up to you All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) in its mission to unite churches in Africa together for life, peace, justice, and dignity. As you gave divine wisdom, guidance, and victory to Moses, your servant, when Israelites were sandwiched between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea, we pray for AACC and its leadership in addressing almost impossible situations affecting your creation at the continental, international, and ecumenical spheres. As AACC plans for the 12th General Assembly and 60th Anniversary celebrations in Abuja, Nigeria, from November 18-23, 2023, we ask for your intervention.

We commit to you each of the 209 AACC members, including churches, National Councils of Churches (NCCs), theological and lay training institutions, and other Christian organizations in 43 African countries. May you bless their work and give them a coordinated voice as they offer solutions to diverse issues affecting them, their families, and the continent.

God of all creation, bless AACC's host country, Kenya. Give the land and her people political and economic stability. May justice be their shield and defender. May they dwell in unity, peace, and liberty, and may plenty be found within their borders.

Amen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Today after worship**, we will be having a board meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Spirituality and Social Justice Book Club** meets to discuss chapters 3 and 4 of *This Here Flesh* this Wednesday, September 20th at 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Sunday, October 1st is World Communion Sunday**, and as part of worship that day we will be sharing in all kinds of bread during communion (and after worship during coffee hour). There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for folks who would be willing to bake a loaf of bread—particularly one that carries special meaning—for that service. All bread should be dropped off at the church kitchen by Saturday, September 30th.
- ◆ **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. If you wish to make donation mail donation to FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls MT 59403.

Today's Servants

Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	LeAnn Budeski
Elder:	Lynn Yahraus
Preparing:	Linda McCafferty
Greeters/Counters:	Carl Donovan Ken Palisin
Tech Booth:	Kevin & Linda McCafferty
Grounds:	Kevin McCafferty

Welcome to Worship!



Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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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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