

Order of Worship

April 21, 2024

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

Prelude *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Call to Worship Kathy Asich

Please stand as you are able

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside still waters.

People: We have been given everything we have. God offers us everything we need.

Leader: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us. We are comforted and reassured.

People: God leads us in the right paths. Our cups are filled to overflowing.

Leader: God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed. We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

People: We have received plenty that we might share. We are called to be God's helpers.

Opening Hymn 56 v. 1,2,5
For the Beauty of the Earth

Invocation Kathy Asich

The Lord's Prayer Kathy Asich

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 of the Psalm Psalm 36:5-10 Kathy Asich

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn 22
All Creatures of Our God and King

Sermon Text The Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee
Romans 8:18-25

Sermon The Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee
Our Faith and Earth Day
#694 Caring for the Earth

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

Invitational Hymn 530
I've Got Peace Like a River

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Margaret Houge, Elder

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.

Communion Hymn 387
Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Prayers of the People Margaret Houge, Elder

Invitation to the Table The Rev. Dr. Karen Frank-Plumlee

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.

Hymn Played During Communion

Into My Heart
By H.D. Clarke
Teresa Wilhelmi, Arrangement
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 249 v. 1,4
Spirit

Benediction The Rev. Dr. Karen Frank-Plumlee

Postlude

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

Prayers for Lebanon/Syria

We lift our voices to you, creator, savior, and sustainer of life. We praise you, recalling not only your act of creation but also your enduring love for us, which brought you to us even when we strayed from your path.

As your servants, we present ourselves, our ministries, and the nations where you have placed us, seeking your presence and blessings in all our endeavors.

Today, we bring before you the Middle East, specifically Lebanon and Syria, where people continue to endure immense suffering. We pray for them and all those who serve them, especially the churches facing tremendous challenges.

May your Holy Spirit empower us with divine life, and may we follow the example of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in alleviating pain, healing wounded souls, and guiding the lost back to the fold.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

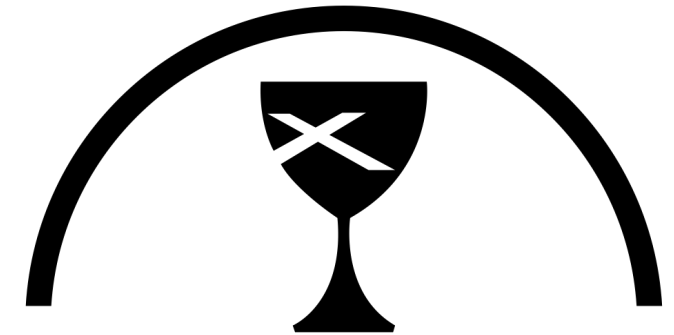
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Board meeting after worship.
- ◆ Register Now for the 2024 summer camps!
Cane Ridge West - Lincoln, MT
July 8-13: Kids Camp
July 8-13: Junior Camp
July 12-14: GMPK Camp
July 15-20: ChiRho & CYF
- ◆ Work Weekend at Cane Ridge West is scheduled for May 17-19. Please volunteer to help us get ready for summer camps.

Today's Servants	
Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Kathy Asich
Elder:	Margaret Houge
Preparing:	Shelly Fagenstrom
Greeters/Counters:	Mauri Novak Kathy Asich
Tech Booth:	
Grounds:	

Welcome to Worship!



Romans 8:18-25
Our Faith and Earth Day
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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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