

# Order of Worship

May 12, 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** *Just As I Am*

**Call to Worship** Sheryl Knowles

*Please stand as you are able*

**Leader:** We are together today because Christ has claimed us. We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

**People:** **Who are we to make such a claim? Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?**

**Leader:** It is not our claim that brings us together. The church is not our private club.

**People:** **We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs. We are drawn together by a larger purpose.**

**Leader:** We have been called by Christ for a mission. The gathered community is sent out into the world.

**People:** **We are here to be equipped for ministry. We have been chosen as apostles of good news.**

**Opening Hymn** 715 v. 1,3  
*Now Thank We All Our God*

**Invocation** Sheryl Knowles

**The Lord's Prayer** Sheryl Knowles

*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 1 Sheryl Knowles

### Hearing the Word

**Praise Hymn** 350  
*I Bind My Heart This Tide*

**Sermon Text** The Rev. Dr. Karen Frank-Plumlee  
1 John 3:16-24

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Karen Frank-Plumlee  
**"What's A Mother To Do?"**

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

**Invitational Hymn** 677  
*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

## Receiving Christ's Welcome

**Communion Meditation** LeAnn Budeski, 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** 408  
*Come, Share the Lord*

**Prayers of the People** LeAnn Budeski, Elder

**Invitation to the Table** The Rev. Bob 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

*The Old-time Religion*  
(Traditional Spiritual)  
T. Wilhelmi, Arrangement  
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

**"The Peace of Christ be with you"**

## Returning to the World

**Closing Hymn** 445  
*Go In Peace*

**Benediction** The Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee

### Postlude

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

## Prayers for Palestine

Father, in heaven, we pray for all the countries in the Middle East where we, as the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) Middle East Council of Churches, are trying to help Palestinians. We are praying for our beloved country, Lebanon, for the beautiful Jordan, for the heavily traumatized Gaza Strip, and for Palestinians everywhere. We live in one of the darkest times. It is like walking through dark clouds, and only Your light can illuminate our path. We are reminded daily that we are not of this world but are called to be a light in it, just as You are not of it.

We hold in our hearts the entire team who selflessly dedicate themselves to serving our organization. We also remember with gratitude all those who help us, the donors and their supporters, and those who help spread our message of hope and good living. Lord, may Your love sustain us, and Your peace envelop us as we continue to serve you faithfully through our organization to help those who need us.

In these days of loss, mourning, and fear in Gaza, where families are scattered, innocent dreams and hopes are vanishing. Starvation and thirst dominate. We turn our faces to You, our Savior and Lord, O King of Peace and Giver of water that quenches all thirst, especially in these times of glorious resurrection. We look to You to light the way for us, for You are the morning star. Extend Your hand to halt this unjust war, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick who are abandoned due to the lack of medicine, and to grant peace, O King of Peace.

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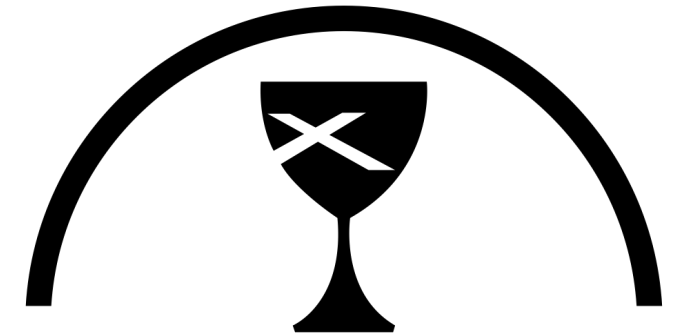
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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  
Scholarships are available.
- ◆ **Work Weekend at Cane Ridge West** is scheduled for May 17-19. Please volunteer to help us get ready for summer camps.
- ◆ **On June 9th we will have a potluck following church** to welcome Mandy and her family. One of their children has a serious food allergy so out of respect please do not bring anything that is made with Corn, Corn Products, Strawberries or Almonds.  
  
We are also going to have a pound party to help them set up their pantry. Bring a pound (or two) of a food product and place it on the pantry table. A sign-up sheet will be posted so we can avoid doubling up on foods. Bring to the church before June 1st.
- ◆ **New Church Directories are now available.** If you would like one, please pick it up in the Fellowship Hall.

### Today's Servants

Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Sheryl Knowles
Elder:	LeAnn Budeski
Preparing:	Dennis, Gary & Louise Hill
Greeters/Counters:	Linda McCafferty Kathy Asich
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
Grounds:	Kevin McCafferty

## Welcome to Worship!



1 John 3:16-24

### **What's A Mother To Do?**

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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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