

Order of Worship

July 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 *Blessed Assurance*

Call to Worship Carl Donovan

Please stand as you are able

Leader: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

People: **Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Leader: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

People: **Our lives need moments of rest.**

Leader: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

People: **Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place. AMEN.**

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Opening Hymn 284 v. 1,4
Gather Us In

Invocation Carl Donovan

The Lord's Prayer Carl Donovan

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 Carl Donovan
Psalm 89:20-37

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn 455
You Have Called Me

Prayers of the People Emily Comstock

Sermon Text Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom
"Being Present"

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

Invitational Hymn 354
Seek Ye First

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Emily Comstock, Elder

Communion Prayer Emily Comstock, 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 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Invitation to the Table Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom

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

Amazing Grace
Arranged by Teresa Wilhelmi
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 434
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Benediction Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom

Postlude

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

Prayers for Argentina

The Gospel briefly narrates the circumstances of two women, with their stories of marginalization. They are anonymous, faceless, voiceless, and without possibilities for life. They continue to represent our women tied to the sexist laws of the patriarchal and kyriarchal house/church/society, which, instead of empowering them for life, give them death. Now more than ever, women must go out to meet Jesus, to wrest the miracle from him, and experience that they can no longer be bound to laws that exclude and dehumanize them because of their gender and age.

United in this same spirit, we pray for all of Argentina, for all the communities of faith in Buenos Aires and in the Chaco that witness the gospel message and bring the word of God to transform the lives of the people with peace and justice.

We pray for all women and children who suffer gender violence. For education and public health, which are at risk by adjustment policies. For the people who suffer discrimination. For the right to work and decent housing. We pray that Jesus Christ may bring peace, love, and communion in the face of the discourses of hatred and violence that are intensifying and being fueled to destroy people's lives. May our God enlighten Argentina and its Church in his peace, grace, and justice so that they can continue carrying the Gospel message. May his Holy Spirit blow to encourage us to raise our voices to say "Talita Cumi" (arise) and build the Kingdom of God in his will. Amen.

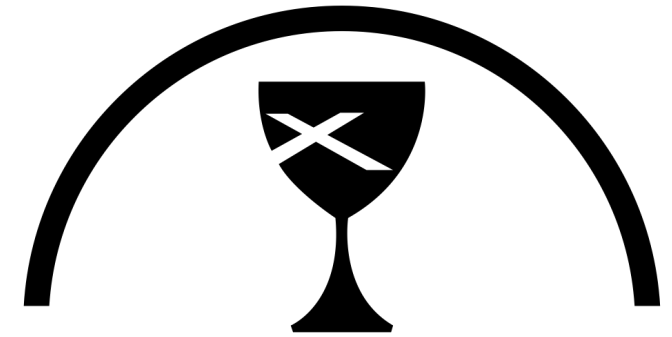
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Guest Preacher today, Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom.** Rev. Sara is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary and an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. She currently serves as the Chaplain at Benefis Peace Hospice.
- ◆ **Save the Date: August 30 to September 2, 2024.** We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Cane Ridge West.
- ◆ **On August 25 we will have a Blessing of Backpacks** in worship. All children, youth, and teens are invited to bring their backpack to worship so that we, as a community of faith can say a blessing over them for a successful year. I would also invite any teachers to bring their work bag or backpack to be blessed as well.
- ◆ **Summer Sermon Series -Soul Food.** Beginning in August, Pastor Mandy will be preaching a series on Soul Food. During this series she will focus on important teachings that can deepen our understanding of how life in God feeds our souls.

Today's Servants	
Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Carl Donovan
Elder:	Emily Comstock
Preparing:	Linda McCafferty
Greeters/Counters:	Mauri Novak Carl Donovan
Tech Booth:	Kevin & Linda McCafferty
Grounds:	Jerry Ness

Welcome to Worship!



Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Being Present

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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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