

Order of Worship

July 28, 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 *This Is My Father's World*

Call to Worship Viv Hunter

Please stand as you are able

Leader: Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

People: **We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Leader: Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins..

People: **We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Leader: Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

People: **We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Call to Worship by Nancy C. Townley. Used with permission.

Leader: However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

People: **We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.**

Call to Worship by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, UMC 2024.

Opening Hymn 66
Immortal, Invisible

Invocation Viv Hunter

The Lord's Prayer Viv Hunter
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.

First Reading Viv Hunter
John 6:1-21

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn 72
To God be the Glory

Prayers of the People Clint Houge

Sermon Text Rev. Alice Ebi
Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon Rev. Alice Ebi
"Overheard Prayer"

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

Invitational Hymn 339 v. 1, 3
Just As I Am

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Clint Houge, Elder

Communion Prayer Clint 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 321 v. 1, 2
Break Thou the Bread of Life

Invitation to the Table Rev. Alice Ebi

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

For The Beauty of the Earth
By C. Kocher
Marjorie Kohler, Piano
"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 600 v. 5
Jesu, Jesu

Benediction Rev. Alice Ebi

Postlude

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

Prayers for Marshall Islands

God of Creation, thank you for the waters that bring us together from distant lands in common mission. We celebrate the history of engagement that Global Ministries' predecessors have had with our partners in Japan and the Marshall Islands in schools like Marshall Christian High School. Thank you for all those students in the past and who today are being educated and nurtured at the school in Rongrong.

Bless the students at Marshall Christian High School today that they may grow in wisdom and understanding, even as they encounter difficult circumstances at home, in school, and in their vocations after graduation. Thank you for the teachers and Principal of the school for their dedication and commitment to comfort and care for the students along their journeys.

We pray for the Jarin Rarik Dron, or United Church of Christ in the Marshall Islands, as it meets the needs and fears of its church members. Thank you for their ministry and mission in Micronesia and around the world, and bless their endeavor to reconnect and rebuild their relationships with the United Church of Christ in Japan.

Amen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Guest Preacher today, Rev. Alice Ebi.** She is an ordained Presbyterian minister who served both PC(USA) churches and United Methodist churches during her career. Before she retired she earned a degree in library science and worked in public libraries until 2021.
- ◆ **Registration is now open for the 40th Anniversary of Cane Ridge West** on August 30 to September 2, 2024. Go to caneridgewest.org to register.
- ◆ **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:	Viv Hunter
Elder:	Clint Houge
Preparing:	Lydia Comstock
Greeters/Counters:	Judy Kenmir Grady Comstock
Tech Booth:	
Grounds:	

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Ephesians 3:14-21
Overheard Prayer
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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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