

Order of Worship

September 29, 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 *Deep River*

Call to Worship Sheena Jarvey

Please stand as you are able

Leader: We have heard the saying "practice makes perfect".

People: **Do we want to be perfect?**

Leader: Faith practices do not make us perfect but help to ground us in God.

People: **We want to be grounded in God.**

Leader: May we all reflect on what faith practices we have in our daily lives.

People: **God, help us to grow closer to you through the ways we practice out faith.**

Call to Worship by Rev. Amanda Gosik. Used with permission.

Opening Hymn *Gather Us In* 284 v. 1, 3, 4

Invocation Sheena Jarvey

The Lord's Prayer Sheena Jarvey

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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 124 Sheena Jarvey

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn *Weave* 495

**Pastoral Prayer/
Prayers of the People** Pastor Mandy Gosik

Sermon Text Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Pastor Mandy Gosik

Sermon "A Good Practice" Pastor Mandy Gosik

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

Invitational Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 595

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Jeremy Comstock, Elder

Communion Prayer Jeremy 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 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* 398

Invitation to the Table Pastor Mandy Gosik

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

Simple Gifts
Rick Christensen, Guitar

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* 434 v. 1, 4

Benediction Pastor Mandy Gosik

Postlude

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

Prayers for the Middle East

Heavenly God,

Gracious and merciful God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and hope. We thank you for your unending faithfulness, mercy, and grace that sustain us each day. As we reflect on your word from Esther, we are reminded of your sovereignty and the way you work through every circumstance for our good.

We lift the Middle East region before you, asking for your divine intervention and guidance for the land you blessed by your presence. God, heal this land from division and strife. Defend the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice and violence. May your peace reign in the communities and lead them toward unity and understanding. We pray for the leaders, that your wisdom and grace may guide them in their decisions.

We also bring before you the work of the Middle East Council of Churches and the people we serve. Almighty God, we embrace our purpose of service with open hearts. Grant us the wisdom, strength, and compassion to fulfill our roles with integrity and love. May we be a reflection of your light and a source of love, light, hope, encouragement, and transformation to those we encounter.

God, extend your healing touch and comfort to those in need and grant us all the grace to live in harmony and hope.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **We are collecting Halloween Candy** for the Community Halloween Party on October 26 from 6 to 8pm. Please bring it to the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Arlene Morrison's Celebration of Life** will be held on October 5 at 1:00pm at the Pit Stop (1600 25th Ave NE, Black Eagle)
- ◆ **Town Pump has again selected FISH** to be part of the "Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. Town Pump will match every donation to FISH up to \$25,000.00 from September 1 through November 30, 2024. Please consider a gift during those 3 months to reach their goal.
- ◆ **Reconciliation Sunday.** For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund. This offering will be taken today and next Sunday.
- ◆ **Stewardship Dinner on October 13th.** RSVP to the office or signup in Fellowship Hall. More details to come.
- ◆ **The Nominating Committee will be meeting Oct 6** after worship.

Today's Servants	
Accompanist:	Rick Christensen
Song Leader:	Kathleen McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Sheena Jarvey
Elder:	Jeremy Comstock
Preparing:	Lydia Comstock
Greeters/Counters:	Grady Comstock Kathy Asich
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
Grounds:	Brett Fagenstrom

Welcome to Worship!



Job 1:1, 2:1-10
A Good Practice
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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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