

# Order of Worship

March 9, 2025

*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

### Moment for Safety

**Prelude**      *What Wondrous Love is This?*      200

**Call to Worship**      Kevin McCafferty

*Please stand as you are able*

Leader: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

**People:** **Who is my neighbor?**

Leader: How can I help?

**People:** **What do I have to learn?**

Leader: Where is God in it all?

**People:** **Here in this place, we can ask big questions.**

Leader: So may we listen. May we learn.

**People:** **May we stay curious, and may we look for God.**

Leader: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

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**Opening Hymn**      *This is the Day*      286

**Invocation**      Kevin McCafferty

**The Lord's Prayer**      Kevin McCafferty

*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**      Psalm 15      Kevin McCafferty

## Hearing the Word

**Praise Hymn**      *When You Do This, Remember Me*      400

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

**Sermon Text**      Luke 10:25-37      Pastor Mandy

**Sermon**      **"Stranger & Neighbor"**      Pastor Mandy

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

**Invitational Hymn**      *They'll Know We Are Christians*      494

## Receiving Christ's Welcome

**Communion Meditation**      Sheena Jarvey, Elder

**Communion Prayer**      Sheena Jarvey, 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**      398  
*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

**Invitation to the Table**      Pastor Mandy

*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

*Softly and Tenderly*  
By W. Thompson, R. House, Arrangement  
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

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

## Returning to the World

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

**Benediction**      Pastor Mandy

### Postlude

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

## Prayers for Syria

God our Father and Savior, our Shepherd who cares about each of His sheep and knows everyone by his name, we know that You have been watching what has been happening in our country, Syria, and in the Middle East region – the soil that was blessed with Your incarnation and resurrection. You were watching the suffering of people who died and of those who became displaced, refugees, and hopeless.

Our God and Father, we know that You have a plan for each one of your sheep. Give us always the strength to be good witnesses in the difficult contexts in which we live. We become very tired and hopeless by seeing no clear future ahead of us as we witness what is happening in Syria every day. We pass every day with the same temptation You passed through in the wilderness and we are subject in every moment to be tested by evil who is awaiting the right moment to test us.

Help us, Father, that our way be always Your way, and that our will be Your will so we can pray like David: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* (Psalm 23: 6)

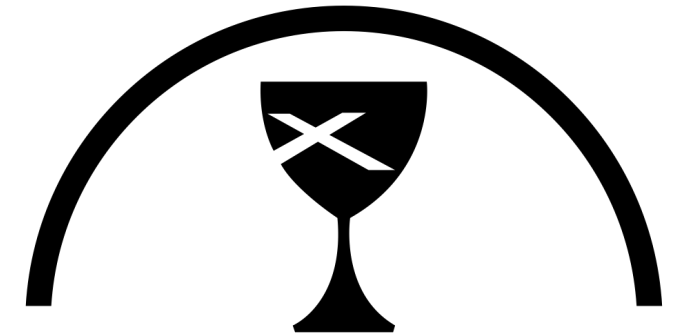
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Lydia Group will hold it's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction** on March 16th at 5:00pm. \$15 each or a family of four \$45. The Lydia Group would welcome any contributions of auction items.
- ◆ **Financial Independence As Easy as 1, 2, 3** will be held on March 20 from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Afternoon Lydia Group** will be held on March 20 at 1:30.
- ◆ **Fish Loaves and Fishes Dinner** will be held on March 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 at Our Savior's Lutheran. Free will offering. All proceeds go to FISH programs.
- ◆ **Evening Lydia Group** will be held on March 27 at 6:00pm.

Today's Servants	
Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Kevin McCafferty
Elder:	Sheena Jarvey
Preparing:	Gary, Dennis & Louise Hill
Greeters/Counters:	Linda McCafferty Kathy Asich
Tech Booth:	Rowan Blalock-Bassett Clint Houge
Grounds:	Chris Hunter

## Welcome to Worship!



First Sunday in Lent  
Luke 10:25-37  
**Stranger & Neighbor**  
March 9, 2025

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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