

# Order of Worship

May 11, 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

**Prelude**      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*      61

**Call to Worship**      Lita Sharone

*Please stand as you are able*

Leader: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,

**People: To the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

Leader: All came together with glad and generous hearts,

**People: Sharing what they had, lifting each other up.**

Leader: In awe and wonder, they witnessed the Spirit moving among them,

**People: And day by day, their numbers grew with love.**

Leader: We come now to devote ourselves anew—

**People: To teaching, to fellowship, to breaking bread, and to prayer.**

Leader: Let us be the Church together.

**People: Let us worship God with joy and generosity!**

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

**Opening Hymn**      70

*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*

**Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer**      Lita Sharone

*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 23      Lita Sharone

### Hearing the Word

**Praise Hymn**      79  
*God Is My Shepherd*

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

**Sermon Text**      Acts 2:42-47      Pastor Mandy

**Sermon**      Pastor Mandy  
**"Living in Community"**

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

**Invitational Hymn**      658  
*Restless Weaver*

## Receiving Christ's Welcome

**Communion Meditation**      Brett Fagenstrom, Elder

**Communion Prayer**      Brett Fagenstrom, 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**      387  
*Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

**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**  
*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
By Robert Lowry, Arranged by Teresa Wilhelmi  
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

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

## Returning to the World

**Closing Hymn**      439 v. 1  
*God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**Benediction**      Pastor Mandy

**Postlude**

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

## Prayers for Palestine

God, our Good Shepherd,  
You know each one of us by name, and you do not abandon your flock. In these difficult days, we lift up our people in Palestine, those who mourn, those who wait, and those who work each day for peace with justice. Amid forcible displacement, genocide, and despair, may your voice be heard, calling us into hope.

We pray for the people of Gaza, those facing starvation and thirst, those fleeing death and daily burying tens of their loved ones, those who have lost hope in a world that has forgotten them and watches their genocide in silence.

We pray for an end to their unprecedented pain and for the lifting of the injustice that weighs upon them. Open the minds and hearts of decision makers, O God, that they may see killing does not bring peace. Only Your mercy, love, and justice can lead the world to true peace and the salvation of humanity.

We thank you for our partners around the world, including the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, who walk with us in the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) Gaza and remind us that we are not alone. Grant us courage to stand firm, grace to speak truth, and faith to believe that justice will come.

In the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen

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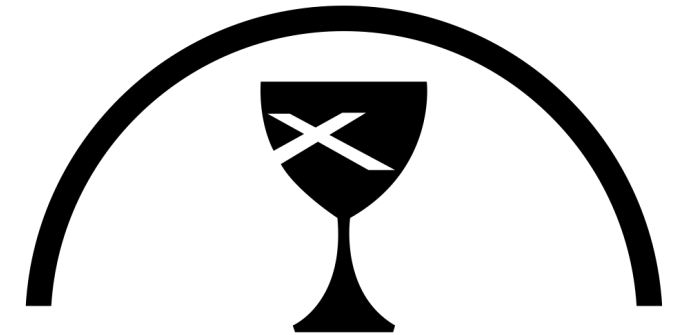
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **There are evaluation forms available** in the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Mandy. This is a routine evaluation to reflect on her first year with us. Please pick up a form and return it to LeAnn by May 30.
- ◆ **Pie Auction** after worship. Proceeds for the auction will be going to the kid's camp scholarship fund.
- ◆ **Make your plans now to join us at Cane Ridge West** for Work Weekend on May 16-18. Come up for the day, or weekend to help us clean up the camp. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Lydia Group meets on May 22 at 1:30pm.**
- ◆ **Summer Camp Registration is now open!** Go to [www.nothernlightsdisciples.org](http://www.nothernlightsdisciples.org) or get a registration packet in the office.
- ◆ **Lydia Group Rummage Sale** will be held on June 28. Small items accepted after Memorial Day. Large items may be brought in the week of the sale.

### Today's Servants

Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Lita Sharone
Elder:	Brett Fagenstrom
Preparing:	Gary, Dennis & Louise Hill
Greeters/Counter	Mauri Novak Carl Donovan
Tech Booth:	
Grounds:	Chris Hunter

## Welcome to Worship!



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

**Living in Community**

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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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