

Order of Worship

June 1, 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 What Wonderful Love is This 200

Call to Worship Lydia Comstock

Please stand as you are able

Leader: We gather, created in the image of Divine Love—each of us a reflection of sacred beauty.

People: **Fearfully and wonderfully made, we shine with the light of the Holy.**

Leader: You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

People: **We come to flavor the world with justice and brighten it with love.**

Leader: Come, beloved of God. There is space for every body and every story.

People: **Let us worship the One who creates, affirms, and calls us good.**

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

Opening Hymn God Calls You Good Insert

Invocation

The Lord’s Prayer Lydia Comstock

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 Genesis 1:26-27 Lydia Comstock

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn How Great Thou Art 33

Pastoral Prayer/ Prayers of the People Pastor Mandy

Sermon Text Matthew 5:13-16 Pastor Mandy

Sermon “Created in Love” Pastor Mandy

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

Invitational Hymn You Have Called Me 455

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 A Hymn for Self- Acceptance

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 What Wonderful Love is This Teresa Wilhelmi, 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 Kenya

Dear God,

As a community of believers at St. Paul's University, we give thanks for the context in which you have placed our university in Kenya. Being salt and light in this space, we pray for issues in our country that hinder Christian ministry and undermine our witness.

As you have commanded us through your servant Paul (1 Tim 2:1-2), we pray for those in authority that they shall be committed to good governance. Grant them wisdom to repel the idol of negative ethnicity so that various ethnic groups and nationalities in Kenya shall be governed in peace and unity.

We pray for women who live in Kenya under the shadows of death-dealing patriarchy; that the spirit of elimination will cease and femicide will be a thing of the past in our nation.

Oh God, bless our country with abundance so that we may know you as the great provider and not bow to modern-day idols of provision.

We ask you, God, to bless the church; that her prophetic voice shall never be muted by trappings of power in its ministry of condemning sin.

Empower St. Paul's University in its mission to produce your servants, that we shall always do so with love, fear, and trembling.  
Amen!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **There will be a Pastoral Relations Meeting** today after services.
- ◆ **Summer Camp Registration is now open!** Go to [www.nothernlightsdisciples.org](http://www.nothernlightsdisciples.org) or get a registration packet in the office. Deadline is June 23rd
- ◆ **Lydia Group Rummage Sale** will be held on June 28. Small items are now being accepted. Large items may be brought in the week of the sale.
- ◆ **If you are interested in helping to plan this years Crop Walk**, which will be on October 5, please let Pastor Mandy know. She will be having a meeting to get ideas and input from anyone wanting to help plan.
- ◆ **On Saturday, May 3rd , Family Promise of Great Falls** held its annual fundraiser at The Elk's Lodge. We thank Central Christian Church for their generous support of this year's SOC HOP, Dancing through the Decades, fundraiser and dinner. We raised \$10,000 for the families we serve, and we couldn't have done that without your and our generous community's support. With gratitude on behalf of Family Promise of Great Falls, Rev. Steve & Kaye Van Gilder

### Today's Servants

Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Lydia Comstock
Elder:	Emily Comstock
Preparing:	Barb Kakalecik
Greeters/Counter	Linda McCafferty Grady Comstock
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
Grounds:	

## Welcome to Worship!



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Matthew 5:13-16

***Created in Love***

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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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