

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

Benediction

*Recessional

He Lives! (vs. 1, 3)

No. 226

Postlude

5th Symphony: Toccata

C.M. Widor

Dee Dee Gain, organ

(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)

**All who are able, please stand*



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Day

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Toccata on "Amazing Grace"*** arr. J. C. Pardini
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*** No. 216

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: Springtime changes burst forth around us.

People: The earth awakens from winter with a display of wondrous color.

Leader: The cycle of living and dying continues,

People: As it has for ages past and will for ages to come.

Leader: Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter.

People: New life, new awakenings and new possibilities open up before us.

All: Glory to God! Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

*Gloria Patri

No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***In the Garden (vs. 1)*** No. 227

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

(If you want someone to pray with you after this service, please meet an Elder in the church gallery just to your right as you leave the sanctuary)

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***The Holy City*** Adolphe Adam
Christian Jackson, baritone

Scripture Readings Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 33-34 N.T.)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Living on Empty***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*** No. 233

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation

Words of Institution

Sermon Outline

“The Power of Emptiness”

How to make the Easter Story “fresh” and interesting?

Does it even need this?

Or does it simply need to be re-told and remembered?

Mary and Mary Magdalene (MT 28:1-10)

Compelled to go to the tomb

But not wanting to, emotionally

World turned upside down

How would they make it without Jesus?

Not wanting to face a “new normal”

Good News

- Only by confronting reality of death did they discover the resurrection
- Only by facing adversity and not running from it, did they see God’s hand at work in the midst of that adversity

“Do not be afraid” (words from angel)

v. 6 – “Come and see the place where he lay” (it is empty!)

Emptiness – negative

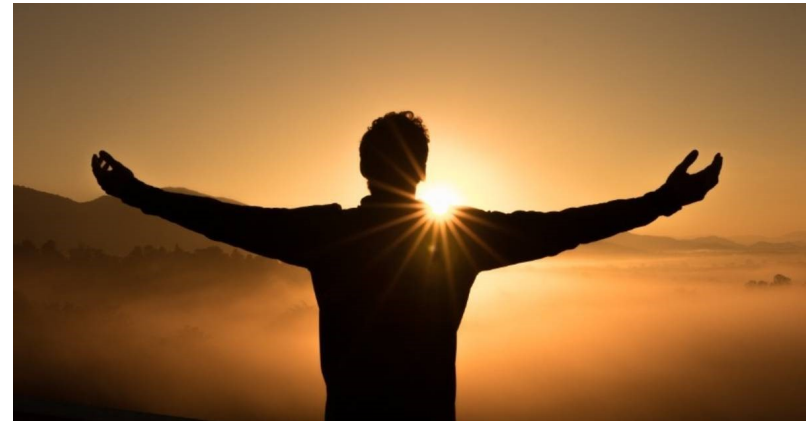
Reminds of what we’ve lost (what is taken from us)

Emptiness – Easter

Sign that the resurrection has occurred

Witness to new life that comes at the hand of God

Notes:



Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he ^[a]lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, ^[b]and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Prayer List



Last updated 4/9/2020

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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
Katy Taylor

Friends & Family

Tammi Granger (Friend of Tina King)
Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
The Schwarze and Miller families (friend of Christen McLeod)
Chris Ellis (Friend of Bob Smith)
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
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Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
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Jimmy Buehlhorn (Friend of Mary Jane Oliver)
Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Don Beedle (Brother of Janelle Beedle)
Katherine Brown (Friend of Linda Kuhns, Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
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Laura Tyner (Friend of Dave Wagner)
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Richard & Ruth Albin (cousins of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Keith Bess (friend of Gregg & Linda Foltz)
Bob Dorsey (friend of Jim Bednar)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
John Kingston (Bednar family - Carley's grandfather)
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Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)
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Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)