

Words of Institution

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

Take My Life (vs. 1, 2)

No. 609

Postlude

Symphony No. 1: Finale

Brahms

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)

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Senior Minister

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Minister of Music

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CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sheep May Safely Graze
Dee Dee Gain, organ

J.S. Bach

No. 284

No. 35

No. 557

(pg. 229-230 N.T.)

No. 284

Meditation

Sermon Outline

"No Limits"

"Church clothes" - *Where do you stand on the topic???*

James 2:1-13

Showing favoritism based on dress/clothing

What's the problem with this?

- 1) Making judgments based on external things
- 2) Scripture says not to:
 - a. Lev 19:15 – no partiality to rich or poor
 - b. I Cor 12:24 – God favors the lowly (if anyone)
- 3) Practical wisdom – "Millionaire Next Door"
- 4) Martin Luther's "Hiddenness of God"
 - a. God hidden beyond revelation
 - b. God hidden within revelation
 - i. Comes to us in ways we don't expect

Real problem for James??

"Distinctions" (v. 4) - "picking and choosing" what to follow
We deceive ourselves into thinking we really have faith

Hospitality

An attitude/mindset

"Love your neighbor" means ALL your neighbors

Hope today?

We're all in this together (pandemic reminds us of this)

Building bridges of connection without making distinctions

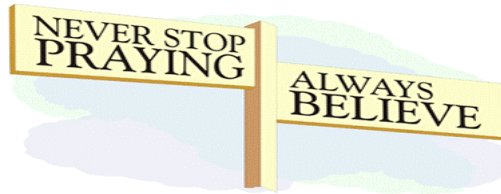
Notes:



James 2:1-13 (NRSV)

¹My brothers and sisters,^[a] do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?^[b] ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"^[c] ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.^[d] Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Prayer List



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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

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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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Laura Byrd (Sister of Theresa Fulk)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
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Bob Dorsey (friend of Jim Bednar)
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