

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 ***Let There Be Peace on Earth*** No. 677

Postlude ***Psalm 46: Our Refuge and Strength*** D. F. Callender
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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CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude *Flower Duet* Léo Delibes
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* No. 277

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Beautiful are the works of God!

People: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

Leader: Beautiful is the mind of God!

People: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God!

People: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

Leader: God made the heavens and the earth!

All: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

*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 *Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness (vs. 1, 2)* No. 253

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 *How Beautiful* Twila Paris
Christian Jackson, baritone

Scripture Readings James 3:1-12 (pg. 230 N.T.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Power of Words*

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion *These I Lay Down (vs. 1, 2, 5)* No. 391

(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

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.)

Sermon Outline

“The Power of Words”

Negative power of words

- 1) Temptation to “get the last word in”
- 2) “You” messages
“You” are the villain and “I” am the hero
- 3) Distort reality
Sanitize uncomfortable truths
Concentration “camps” and Ethnic “cleansing”
- 4) Words de-humanize and divide
Hannah Arendt – “On Totalitarianism”
Take away a person’s name and the body can be discarded
Names and nicknames

James 3:1-12

Negative power of words

Tongue is a small part of body but does great damage

James 3:9

*With the tongue we bless the Lord and curse
our neighbors made in God’s likeness*

Positive Power of Words

Word of God creates and gives life

Word of God saves (Jesus is “the Word”)

Word of God guides and directs (Psalm 119:105)

Word of God connects, builds up and endures

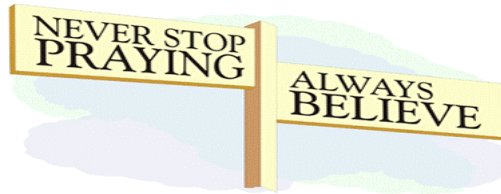
Notes:



James 3:1-12 (NRSV)

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, ^[a] for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, ^[b] and is itself set on fire by hell. ^[c] ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, ^[d] this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, ^[e] yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Prayer List



Members

Howard Cravens
Eleanor Spracklen
Louise Boline
Jean Booher
Lawrence Turner
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Jaxon Flower
Laura Jane Sperry
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
David Miller
Unique Hess
Joan Smith
Arlone Dalluge
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Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
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Claudine Nichols (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Warren & Azalee Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Laura Sperry (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Roe Skidmore (Imboden Creek Gardens)
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Dottie Scholes (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Shirlee Johnson (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
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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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Roger Fulk Junior (Nephew of Andy Fulk)
Laura Byrd (Sister of Theresa Fulk)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Michelle Lockwood (Friend of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)
Timothy Littrell (friend of the Lintons & the Bednars)
Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Don Beedle (Brother of Janelle Beedle)
Katherine Brown (Friend of Linda Kuhns, Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
John Burton (Nephew of Carrie Funk)
Laura Tyner (Friend of Dave Wagner)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Dave & Debbie Wortman and family (friends of Linda Kuhns)
Mark Boline (son of Louise Boline)
Jonas Fagin (grandson of Al & Chris Fagin)
Gerald Spencer II (father of Ashely Sparks)
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)
Rick Smith (son of Joan Smith)
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Andy Harbeck (friend of Donna Dash)
John Allen (friend of Donna Dash)