

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      ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1, 2)***      No. 560

Postlude      ***Choral Song***      Samuel S. Wesley

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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***Sunday, May 17, 2020***



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## GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Aria</i>	Louis Vierne
	Dee Dee Gain, organ	

## Introit

\*The Processional      *Lift High the Cross*      No. 108

### \*Responsive Reading

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**People:** We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**People:** We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**People:** We long to live lives of holiness and light.

Leader: God grants wisdom generously to all who ask.

**People:** Come near, people of God.

**All:** Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

\*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 *Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs. 1, 2, 3)* No. 577

## 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     ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***     arr. Joel Raney  
Christian Jackson, baritone

Scripture Readings                      James 4:13-16                      (pg. 231 N.T.)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Best Laid Plans*

## RESPONSE

## Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Communion ***Let Us Break Bread Together (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 425

*(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 Best Laid Plans"***

Thomas Michael Karunas – May 14, 1998

"in the midst" of plans (for retirement, weekend and even after noon)

Martin Luther – "Death comes in the midst of life"  
Suddenly

James 4

Cautionary words about putting too much stock in future plans

"Do not boast about tomorrow..." – Prov. 27:1

Human beings are "mist" (James 4:14)

Boasting about our future plans:

Arrogant (at best)

Evil (James 4:16) at worst

Making friends with the world

Scarcity of resources

Luke 12:13-21 - Cautionary tale

What are we learning in this Pandemic?

#1 answer – not taking things for granted

Plans can change at any time

People matter most (what we love most / what we grieve most)

Hope???

Making friends with God (who truly secures our future)

People (the manifestation of God's presence, even in their absence)

**Notes:**

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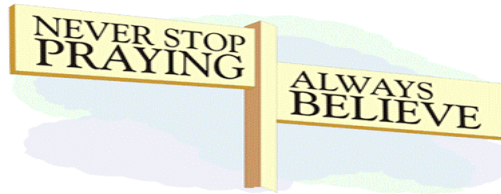
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### **James 4:13-16 (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." <sup>14</sup> Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

# Prayer List



## Members

Howard Cravens  
Eleanor Spracklen  
Louise Boline  
Jean Booher  
Lawrence Turner  
George Kuhns  
Jaxon Flower  
Laura Jane Sperry  
Barbara Tyler  
Karma Lynn Carpenter  
David Miller  
Unique Hess  
Joan Smith  
Arlone Dalluge  
Evelyn Sanders  
Leo Quigg

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)  
Claudine Nichols (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Warren & Azalee Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Laura Sperry (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Roe Skidmore (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Irwin Soliday (Primrose)  
Norma Brown (Lincolnshire)  
Billie Harmon (Randall Residence)  
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)  
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)  
Dottie Scholes (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Shirlee Johnson (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)

## 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

Last updated 5/14/2020

## 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)  
Karen Benjamin (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
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)