

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 ***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (vs. 4)***

Postlude ***Fireworks Music: Finale*** G. F. Handel
 Dee Dee Gain, organ



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Fireworks Music: The Rejoicing*** G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

Opening Music ***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (vs. 1, 2)***

Responsive Reading

Leader: Let the whole creation cry,

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Glory be to God on high!

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: All who strive to serve the Lord,

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Prophets burning with God's word,

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Worship God through all your days,

All: **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

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***This Is My Song (vs. 1)*** (responsive)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***Agnus Dei*** Giacomo Puccini
David Williams, tenor; Christian Jackson, baritone

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 8:4-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Heroes are.... Patient???***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1)***
(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 Bruce Campbell

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Sermon Outline

"Heroes are... Patient???"

The Apostle Paul

Letters to churches he founded:

Encouraged, scolded, and answered specific questions
(about how to be Christian in the world at that time)

Church in Corinth

Important city (lots of goods, money, and people)

Reputation as less-than-moral

Why be good? (if grace and salvation is free?)

Issue of Polytheism

Animal sacrifice

Is it "lawful" for Christians to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols????

Paul's answer:

Technically yes

Other gods and idols are not "real"

Food cannot help or hurt us

But no

Because of example set for others

Might give the impression that idols are okay

Heroes are patient (exercise restraint)

Example – George Washington and War of Independence

Example – Jesus at his arrest in Gethsemane

"All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial."

(1 Cor. 10:23)

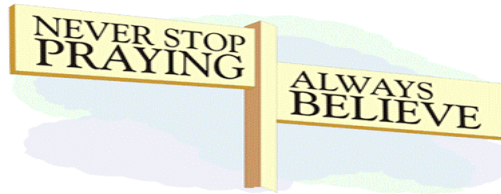
Notes:



1 Corinthians 8:4-12 (NRSV)

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ "Food will not bring us close to God." ^[a] We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ^[b] ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, ^[c] and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

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

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
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