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Two Important Announcements about Worship at Central!

8:00 a.m. In-Person Worship to Resume

Beginning on Sunday, August 16, we will be offering 8:00 a.m. in-person worship again. The check-in procedures will be the same as for the 9:15 and 10:30 in-person services. You will still need to come in through the West Entrance doors, *no earlier than 7:50 a.m.*, and be checked-in by the front door hosts. For those not coming back at 8:00 a.m., we will continue to live-stream that service. We will therefore have three (3) online options and three (3) in-person options beginning August 16.

Calling all Volunteers

Currently, we have a team of 17 volunteers who have agreed to help us to staff the check-in table and with front door hosting responsibilities as we come back to in-person worship, but we would like to invite more volunteers to join the group! Anyone who has previously served as a greeter or usher, or anyone for that matter, is especially invited. Again, this new team of volunteers is taking the place of our previous practices of "ushering" and "greeting" as we learn to operate in a world changed by COVID-19. We are envisioning two (2) shifts on Sunday morning, beginning August 16.

Shift 1 will be 7:45 – 9:30

Shift 2 will be 9:30 – 11:30

Responsibilities include: greeting at the front (west entrance) door; taking temperatures; signing participants in; and leading people in and out of the worship space (either sanctuary or Great Hall). Please contact the office (central@cccdisciples.org, 428-4336) if you are interested.

SUNDAY, August 9, 2020

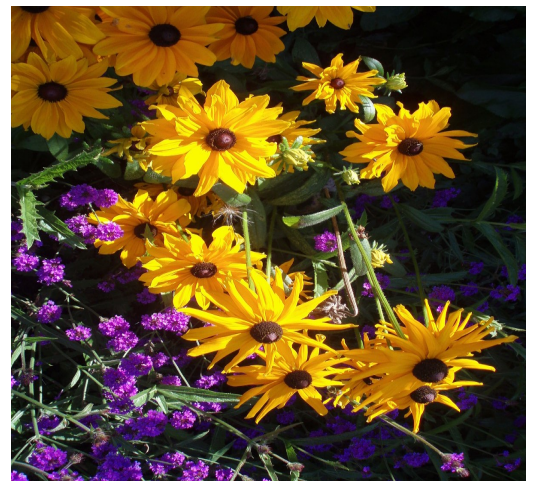
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE
STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AT **8:00 a.m.**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ON
FACEBOOK LIVE
AND IN-PERSON - GREAT HALL
AT **9:15 a.m.**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIVE
STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND IN-PERSON - SANCTUARY
AT **10:30 a.m.**

The Greatest of These is Love

Text: I Corinthians 13
Don Martin



BACK TO SCHOOL THOUGHTS...

Empower Children With Knowledge and Simple Routines

Fred Rogers once said, "When children know ahead of time what's going to happen — and not happen — they can prepare themselves for what's coming. They can think about it and get used to their feelings about it."

Remember, whether they are studying in school or at home, your child will learn and grow this year — and that is worth celebrating.

Talk to your child about what school might look like in simple, practical terms. What are the names of their teachers? What will the morning routine at home look like? What will they need to put in their backpack each day? How will they get to school? And how might the school look different than it did the last time they were there?

If they are learning at home, where will their "learning area" be? What types of activities will they do with their teacher over video? What are some of the skills they will learn this year? In broad strokes, what will a typical day look like: school time, lunchtime, playtime? As the Daniel Tiger strategy song goes, "When we do something new, let's talk about what we'll do."

Excerpt taken from: **PBS for Parents**
8.3.2020

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-support-your-child-this-back-to-school-time>



Amazing Grace

I would like to share a brief account of how Jessye Norman experienced the hymn Amazing Grace.

Jessye Norman was an incomparable singer of opera, art song, popular songs, and spirituals. In an interview in front of a live audience she was asked about the hymn Amazing Grace — why she included it in her concerts and did it have special meaning.

Ms. Norman replied that as she traveled around the world, she found that hymn was known and loved everywhere. She remembered singing in South Korea. At the end of the concert, she sang Amazing Grace, and the audience of 5,000 people sang it back to her. Another time when she had sung all the Duke Ellington material she and the orchestra had prepared and exhausted all the other possible encores, the people still stayed on. So she stepped up front and started singing Amazing Grace. She walked out among the audience sharing this beloved hymn. When she finished, someone told her that's what her grandmother used to do. She had NO IDEA she was copying her grandmother. This knowledge was very special to her.

Ms. Norman also believed that the origin of the hymn was significant. She recounted the story of John Newton who was a naval officer. His mission was to sail to the coast of West Africa and load up slaves to bring back to England. On one such trip they encountered a severe storm, and he was certain that everyone on the ship was going to perish — including the cargo in the bowels of the ship. John began to pray earnestly. Out of that prayer came the words to Amazing Grace.

Jessye Norman went on to speculate about the origin of the tune. She noted that the meter of the text was in three four time — one, two, three; one two, three. This was a common meter used in the music of West African people. She believed that the music came from the people trying to sing their way through this horrific ordeal, and the sound rose from the bowels of the ship, reaching John Newton's ears (and perhaps his heart).

When the storm calmed, John Newton was safe, and everyone on the ship was safe as well. After this life changing event, Newton went on to become an important minister and was a significant figure in the struggle to abolish slavery.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." Indeed, John Newton was involved in wretched business. This story was significant for Jessye Norman because, no doubt, her ancestors were also cargo on just such a ship.

"I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see."
Blessings.

- Don Martin

Emergency Fund Offering

This week, August 9, we will be receiving a special offering for the Emergency Fund at Central Christian Church. These resources make it possible for us to help with member benevolence and community people who have fallen on hard times. This Fund is especially important during this time when we are all affected by the pandemic. Please indicate your wish on the offering envelope or whatever electronic method of giving you choose. Thank you for considering a gift to the Emergency Fund.

A Word About Worship Schedules

From having read *The Visitor* over the years, you have undoubtedly noticed that we print a schedule of worship assignments for the coming week's worship service. Given that we are gradually introducing in-person worship again, in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, we wanted to share some important information with you.

- First, all existing schedules (deacons, greeters, liturgists, and ushers) have been temporarily suspended.
- Second, a new schedule has been made with some new volunteer titles (e.g. "Front Door Check-in"). This is the schedule that will be printed in *The Visitor* each week. For the foreseeable future, a smaller group of volunteers will be handling these new volunteer roles. Since not everyone on the original schedules published in early 2020 feels comfortable coming back to in-person worship, this was thought to be the most efficient way to proceed for the time being.
- Third, should we return to more "normal" Sunday morning practices, we may very well re-institute the schedules first published in early 2020.
- Fourth, should you be interested in helping out with these new in-person worship volunteer opportunities (and are not yet on the schedule), please let us know and we can add you to the roster of volunteers (central@cccdisciples.org).
- Finally, if you have any questions about anything at anytime, please don't hesitate to let us know.

August 9 Volunteer schedule

8:45 – 10:15

Front table – Sandy Garver, Brett Swallow, Carolyn McCall

Ushers – Cheryl Zollinger, Kathy Matherly, David Martin

Elder – Judy Ford

10:00 – 11:45

Front table – Christine Lyman-Harm, Keith & Jeannie Backes

Ushers – Gregg Foltz, Mike Munos

Elder – Judy Ford

Aldo Mancinelli

Aldo Mancinelli passed away on July 27, 2020 at the age of 91. Aldo was very instrumental in the development of our concert series. He invited world class pianists to come to play at Central Christian Church. He also played concerts here, either by himself or in later years with his wife Judy. We are grateful for the contributions both have made to the music life of our church. His obituary is in the *Herald and Review*, 8/2/20; online at www.herald-review.com.

Bowling League update

There will be no CCC Bowling League this fall. With all of the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, along with the restrictions that have been placed on bowling alleys, our league officers have decided that it makes the most sense for us to skip this season. We will plan to start again in the fall of 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Martin at demartin@cccdisciples.org. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing everyone back healthy and ready to go next year!



Sunday (9)

8:00-Traditional Worship,
Live Stream ONLY

9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary &
Live Stream

12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall

Monday (10)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM

Tuesday (11)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, Disciples Room

10:30-Support Staff Meeting, Conn. Café

5:00-Women's Group, Connection Café

Wednesday (12)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM

10:30-Ministers' Meeting

5:00-Elders, Zoom

5:30-Koinonia class, Connection Café

Thursday (13)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

Friday (14)

OFFICE OPEN 8 AM - 1 PM

Saturday (15)

Sunday (16)

8:00-Traditional Worship,
Live Stream ONLY

9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
& Facebook Live

10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary &
Live Stream

12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall

4:00-Youth Group

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July 20th, 2020:
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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