

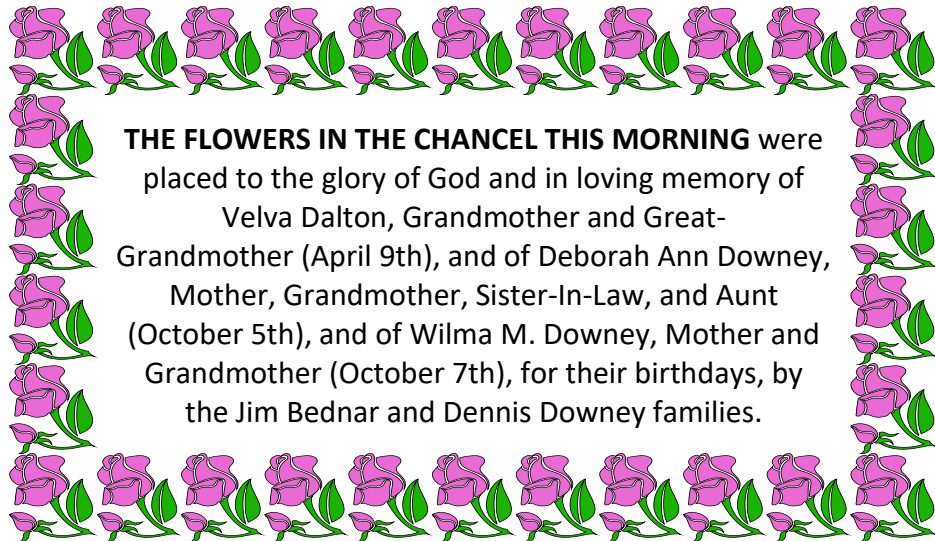
One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional ***Faith of Our Fathers (vs. 1, 3)*** No. 635

Postlude ***Rejoice!*** Colin Mawby
Dee Dee Gain, organ



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois
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Sunday, September 27, 2020

Michael E. Karunas
Senior Minister

Don Martin
Minister of Music

Tina Miller
Associate Minister of
CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Nobilmente*** Quentin Thomas
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Opening Music ***How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1, 2, 5)*** No. 618

*Responsive Reading

Leader: We gather around God's word.

People: Through faith we are all children of God.

Leader: The law has been our guard and disciplinarian.

People: Through faith we are all children of God.

Leader: Now we have one faith, which is our faith in Christ Jesus.

People: Through faith we are all children of God.

Leader: When we proclaim that one faith, we are one people.

People: Through faith we are all children of God.

Leader: Let us come to worship in the one spirit that binds us together
even though we are separate.

People: Through faith we are all children of God.

*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 ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 576

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***Highland Cathedral*** arr. Adrian Wagner
Brass Choir

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23-29

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Un-Changed: One Faith***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***I Bind My Heart This Tide*** No. 350
(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 David Wagner

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music Dee Dee Gain, organ

Sermon Outline

“Un-Changed: One Faith”

Early church – everyone was a “convert”

Jews

Gentiles / Greeks – former non-Jews

How to be a Christian?

Faith for sure

But what about Jewish Law (eating habits, circumcision)

Galatia

Paul plants church with no mention of need for the Law

After he leaves, others come and say the Law is needed

Church in danger of splitting

Letter to the Galatians is Paul’s answer

v. 23 – before Christ, Law was helpful

v. 24 – was our “guide” (“pedagogue”) that served a purpose for a time

v. 25 – with Christ, Law not needed as before

v. 26 – through faith we are one family (No second-class citizens)

(Baptism takes place of circumcision)

v. 27 – 28

- ethnicity, social class, economic status, gender – none matter

How we practice faith is less important than THAT we have faith

Pandemic has forced us to change (old habits die hard)

What has remained Un-Changed

- Our ONE faith

- The unifying and uniting character of that faith

Notes:



Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSV)

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring,^[a] heirs according to the promise.

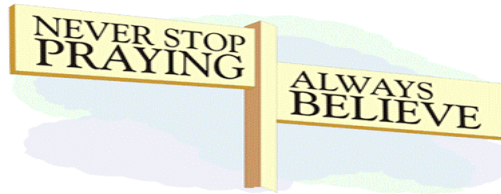
Questions for Reflection

*Who was a someone that helped you grow on your faith journey?
Who was a “spiritual guide” (or “spiritual pedagogue”) that helped you become the person of faith you are today?*

Of all the Christian practices (worship, prayer, baptism, communion, giving offerings, acts of service...), which is the one that comes easiest to you? Which is more difficult?

When was a time you experienced the kind of “Unity in Christ” that Paul describes in vv. 27-28?

Prayer List



Members

Howard Cravens
Louise Boline
Jean Booher
Lawrence Turner
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
David Miller
Unique Hess
Joan Smith
Evelyn Sanders
Don Boyd
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
Bob Bischoff
Pat Ash
Carol Wade

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Eleanor Spracklen (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)
Loren Glasscock (Hickory Pt Christian Village)

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

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)
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)
John Burton (Nephew of Carrie Funk)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)
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)
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)
John Allen (friend of Donna Dash)
Melissa Phelps (friend of Derald Hartley)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
The Family of Mark Richert (friend of Donna Dash)
Chuck & Linda Doehring (cousins of Joy Adams)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)
Kay Wallace (friend of Sandra Schultz)