

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

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

Postlude

***Symphony 1: Finale***  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Johannes Brahms



Central  
Christian  
Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois  
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***Sunday, April 25, 2021***

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude ***Sheep May Safely Graze*** J. S. Bach  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

\*Opening Hymn  
***God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*** No. 651

\*Responsive Reading

Leader: Love is the primary force in the universe.

**People: Love is absolutely limitless.**

Leader: God is love.

**People: Love is absolutely limitless.**

Leader: Love is the energy that flows up into us from Christ.

**People: Love is absolutely limitless.**

Leader: Love that we share with others will never run out.

**People: Love is absolutely limitless.**

Leader: Love flows into us constantly, changing us, filling us, to be beautiful, compassionate and wise.

**People: Love is absolutely limitless.**

\*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 ***like a child*** No. 133

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

**PROCLAMATION**

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***When the Stars Are Gone*** Henry Millicone

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12, 13, & 14  
(selections)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Poets: Imagining What is Possible***

**RESPONSE**

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Hymn ***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 Bruce Campbell/David Wagner

Words of Institution

## Worship Extras

April 18, 2021

### Current COVID Guidelines

We ask that you please observe the following precautions:

- Please wear masks throughout the building
- Masks may be removed when seated in worship
- Please wear masks for singing
- Please wait for ushers to dismiss you from your seat at end of service

**For your reflection** (in preparation for the message):

*On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are you to read poetry?  
(1 – not at all, 10 – definitely)*

### **What We Learn from Poets**

1) *Poets are Honest*

*They describe the way things are*

2) *Poets challenge us to see what is possible*

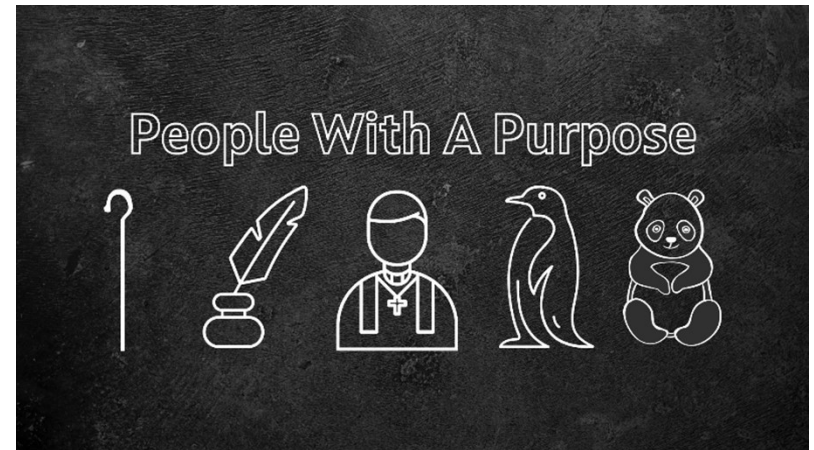
*They are not satisfied with the way things are*

*They long for things as they could be*

3) *Poets inspire us*

*To see what they do*

*To work to make that possibility a reality*



### I Corinthians 12 – 14 (Selections)

*“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels... I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” - I Cor. 13:1*

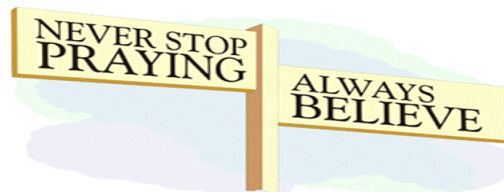
*“...outsiders and unbelievers... will say, ‘They are out of their mind.’” - I Cor 14:23*

*“...But God so arranged the members of the body... that there may be no dissension within the body...” - I Cor 12:24-25*

*“Love is patient... not envious... does not insist on it’s own way... is not resentful... endures all things.” - I Cor 13:4-7*

*“...that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, ‘God is really among you.’” - I Cor. 14:25*

# Prayer List



## Members

Howard Cravens  
Jean Booher  
Lawrence Turner  
Barbara Tyler  
Karma Lynn Carpenter  
Unique Hess  
Evelyn Sanders  
Don Boyd  
Gretchen Barron  
Linda Kuhns  
Bob Bischoff  
Pat Ash  
Carol Wade  
Morris Birkhead  
Kathy Kauzlarich  
David Poisel  
Herb & Duff Knudsen

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)  
Louise Boline (Imboden Creek)  
Claudine Nichols (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Billie Harmon (Randall Residence)  
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)  
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)  
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)  
Dottie Scholes (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)  
Bess King (The Glenwood)

## We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)  
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall, great-grandson  
of Lawrence & Sally Thicksten)  
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)  
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary (great-nephew of  
Marilyn Ward)  
Katy Taylor (granddaughter of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)

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## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
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)  
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)  
Mark Boline (son of Louise Boline)  
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)  
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)  
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)  
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)  
Melissa Phelps (friend of Derald Hartley)  
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)  
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)  
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)  
Dr. Albert "Albie" Gillman (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)  
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Gil Baumann (father of Steve Baumann)  
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)  
Sherry Hulva (neighbor of Gail Prince)  
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)  
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)  
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)  
Kaciana Schmidt (great-niece of Joy Adams)  
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)  
Bev Carter (friend of Donna Dash)