

Prayer of Consecration

David York

*(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.**

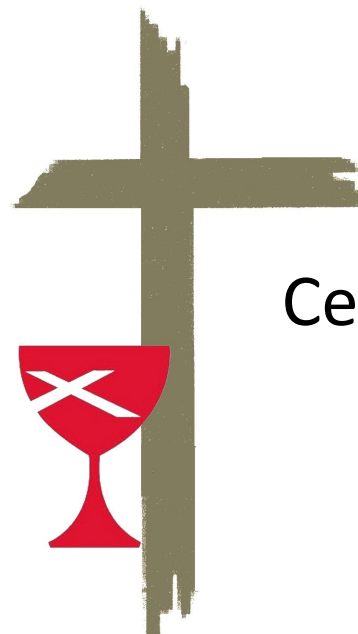
Benediction

Postlude

**Theme**

Geoffrey Burgon

Dee Dee Gain, organ



# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

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***Sunday, August 22, 2021***



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Youth Director

**Ben Hawkinson**  
Interim Director  
of Music

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

## GATHERING

Prelude ***Gabriel's Oboe*** Ennio Morricone  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

\*Opening Hymn ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** No. 5

\*Responsive Reading

Leader: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

**People: This is our true and proper worship.**

Leader: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

**People: Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.**

\*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

Back to School Sunday

## PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*** No. 545

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response (8:00)  
John Baird, special music (10:30)

## PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music (10:30) ***Here I Am, Lord*** Craig Courtney  
(8:00) John Baird

Scripture Reading Romans 12:2  
Luke 2:12-14  
John 21:18-19

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Never Too Old to Learn***

## RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

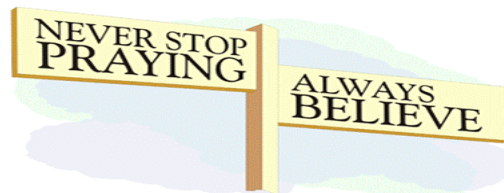
Recognition of a Ministerial Internship

Communion Hymn ***Amazing Grace! (vs. 1, 3, 4)*** No. 546  
*(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 Kevin Miller

Words of Institution

# Prayer List



## Members

Howard Cravens  
Jean Booher  
Barbara Tyler  
Karma Lynn Carpenter  
Unique Hess  
Evelyn Sanders  
Don Boyd  
Gretchen Barron  
Linda Kuhns  
David Ash  
Carol Wade  
Morris Birkhead  
Kathy Kauzlarich  
David Poisel  
Herb & Duff Knudsen  
Jim Taylor  
Darla Lienemann  
Claudine Nichols  
Bob & Pat O'Connell  
Larry Pepper  
Greg Barnes  
Phillip Shambaugh

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)  
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)  
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)  
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)  
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary (great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)  
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)  
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)  
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)  
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)  
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)  
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)  
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)  
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)  
Andrea Kaufman (friend of Mary Jane Oliver)  
Owen (grandson of Janet & John Downs)  
Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner)  
Mary Lynn Watson (friend of Larry & Kathy Pepper)  
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Betty Barnes (mother of Greg Barnes)  
Brian DeBrun (friend of Greg & Gale Barnes)  
Joanna Parish (friend of Central)  
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)  
Jennifer Jackson Shugart (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)

## **Worship Extras**

**August 22, 2021**

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

*Who was a favorite teacher you had growing up?*

### **Never Too Old to Learn**

Mark 9 and Mark 10 – Jesus’ love of children

Children – unafraid to ask questions!

Questions reveal that we are open to learning

Jesus’ birth as a child – God is revealed in what children represent

Openness and learning

“Disciple” – “to learn” (Student)

To follow Jesus is to be a life-long learner

Romans 12:2 – “be transformed by the renewal of your minds”

Example – John 21:18-19

Even when we’re old and need assistance when we walk...

We never outgrow the call to follow; to learn; be a student



### **Romans 12:2 NRSV**

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **Luke 2:12-14 NRSV**

<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

### **John 21: 18-19 NRSV**

<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”