

Communion Music

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

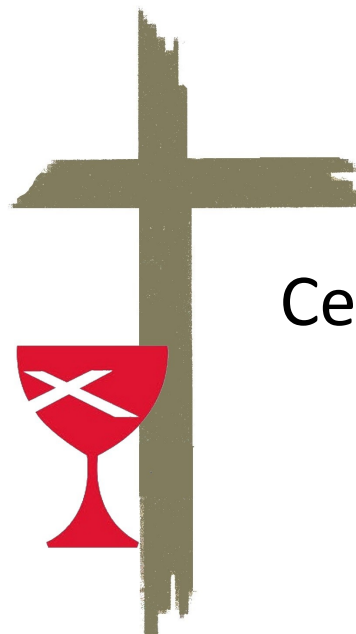
**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

Classic March
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Thomas Bliss



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois
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Sunday, September 26, 2021



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Capriol Suite: Pavane*** Peter Warlock
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*Opening Hymn ***O God of Vision*** No. 288
(vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

*Responsive Reading

Leader: The knowledge that God is a God of order comes Scripture.

People: The Bible demonstrates and describes God's character to us in the earthly example of Christ.

Leader: We see God's peaceful orderly design within His person and His creation.

People: May we be imitators of Christ, following His example.

*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 ***All My Hope on God is Founded*** No. 88

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response (8:00)
Spencer Domer & Sam Moore, special music (10:30)

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Anthem (10:30) ***I Love You, Lord*** arr. Jack Schrader
(8:00) Spencer Domer & Sam Moore

Scripture Reading Acts 1:15-26

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Striving for Excellence***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

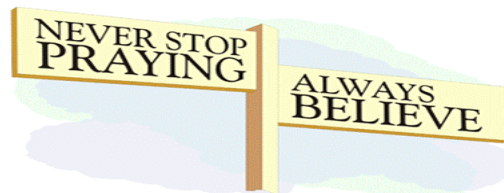
Communion Hymn ***All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*** No. 419
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Jan Dobbs

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Members

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

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)
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)
Darla Lienemann (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)
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)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
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)
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)
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)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of Gale Barnes)
Bryce Redpath (friend of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)

Worship Extras September 26, 2021

For your reflection (in preparation for the message):
On a scale of 1 to 10, how organized are you?
(1 = not at all, 10 = incredibly!)

“All Hands on Deck – Striving for Excellence”

Church meetings (as old as the church itself)

Acts 1 – meeting to replace Judas Iscariot

Galatians 2 – meeting of Paul and Peter to discuss mission to
Gentiles

Acts 15 – meeting of church leaders to discuss “membership”

Acts 6 – meeting to select 7 Deacons

Church meetings in Acts 1:

- Intentional process
- Organized
- Prayerful

“The church is more than a business, but also no less a business...”



Acts 1:15-26 NRSV

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his homestead become desolate,
and let there be no one to live in it’;
and

‘Let another take his position of overseer.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.