

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

*Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 453*
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Royal March*
Franz Joseph Haydn
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

January 30, 2022

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Associate Minister

David Martin
Youth Director

Ben Hawkinson
Int. Dir. of Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Aria*
Georg Philipp Telemann
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

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

*Responsive Reading Tina Miller
Leader: Let the law of the prophets be proclaimed among
the people.
People: May the Holy Spirit reveal them.
Leader: The Holy Spirit is here with us and helps us bring
good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed,
release to the captives, and sight to the blind.
People: Let us rejoice in this Good News and share it with others.

*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 Moment David Martin

Prayer Hymn No. 461
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs. 1)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response No. 461
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs. 4)

Offertory Invitation

Anthem (10:30) *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

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

Sermon *First Things First: The First Sermon (Part 2)*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 340
Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1,3)
*(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

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music

Prayer List

Members

Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
David Ash
Morris Birkhead
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Sarah, Chad, & Amelia Jennings
Lauren McLemore
Dean Gray
Helen Ryan

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)



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)
Jean Booher (Hickory Pt. Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
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)

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Friends & Family, continued

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)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of
Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jeff Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Jackson (friend of Janelle Beedle)
Linda Doehring (cousin of Joy Adams)
Zac Penwell (son of friend of Maria Jacobs)
Mary Teller (cousin of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Kim Klotz Schuhardt (relative of Mary Jane Oliver)
Linda & Wayne Mollohan (friends of
Nancy Ellen Taylor)

Worship Extras January 30, 2022

Starter Question

What is the kindest thing someone has done for you?

Sermon: First Things First: The First Sermon (Part 2)

Sharing faith with our ACTIONS:

1) Good news to the "Poor"

Economically poor

Walk alongside

Seek to Love for reasons God would

I John 4 - God abides in those who abide in love

To love the poor is to witness to our faith in a God
of love

2) "Release" to captives / oppressed

"release" used with word "forgiveness"

What can hold us captive?

a) Feelings of guilt and shame

b) Feelings of anger, hostility and vengeance

To see others as loved by God - in spite of their

worst act -

is to witness to our faith in a God

3) "Sight" to the blind

Sight in the NT is about seeing Jesus as the Son of God

Mark 8

Jesus healed the blind man by letting him see

"God in him"

We give sight by letting others see "Christ in us."

(another witness of our faith)



Luke 4:14-21 NRSV

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."