

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

*Hymn *My Hope is Built (vs. 1, 2, 4)* No. 537
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Water Music: Allegro* G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

February 20, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Serenade* C. M. Widor
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* No. 618
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

*Responsive Reading

Leader: Jesus said, "Be merciful as your father in heaven is merciful."

People: We come to learn how to reflect the love and character of God.

Leader: Jesus said, "Love your enemies and bless those who curse you."

People: We come to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Leader: Jesus said, "Great will be your reward, for you are children of the Most High."

People: We come longing to receive that blessing.

All: Thanks be to God for the mercy and love given to all.

*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 *I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1, 4)* No. 578

Pastoral Prayer Tina Miller

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special Music, Cora Carr

Offertory Invitation

(8:00) Special Music Cora Carr
(10:30) Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-36

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

Sermon *Taking the High Road*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 398

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

(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 York

Words of Institution

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

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
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)
Dean Gray (The Loft)
Bob & Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)

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)
Mark Demoulin (son of Jahala Demoulin)

Worship Extras

February 20, 2022

Starter Question

Name something that is difficult for you to do.

Sermon: Taking the High Road

Luke 6:27-36

Hard teaching

- Love enemies
- Turn the other cheek
- Give to everyone who begs of you

First reaction – interpret our way “out” of having to deal with it

Over-identify – get stuck on one word and miss the bigger picture

Over-rationalize – hide behind “slippery slope” thinking “Over-importance” – No one’s enemies are as bad as mine

What we Know:

v. 27 – this is an “opt in” teaching

Luke 23:34 – Jesus did this himself (“Father forgive them”)

v. 35 – God’s love is unconditional

What it means for us?

- Take a higher road and leave the playground
- Do more and be more than conventional behavior

How?

I Cor 13 – love is:

Patient kind not envious

Not boastful Not insisting on its own way

Pick one and practice this week



Luke 6:27-36 NIV

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.