

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 *Alleluia! Hear God's Story (vs. 1, 2)* No. 330
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Voluntary on Westminster Abbey Hymn*
Henry Purcell
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

March 20, 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* Andrew Carter
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Opening Hymn No. 606
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Tina Miller
Leader: God's forgiveness is an ever-flowing expression of love.
People: How great is God's forgiveness!
Leader: May our love for God reflect how much we are forgiven.
People: May our love for others reflect our love for God.

*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

Prayer Hymn *Be Still, My Soul (vs. 1, 2)* No. 566

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special Music, John Baird, piano, & David Bottom, trumpet

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music
John Baird, piano, & David Bottom, trumpet
(10:30) Anthem *Wondrous Love* arr. Steven Sametz

Scripture Reading Luke 23:34

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

Sermon *The Heart of the Matter*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 384
Here at Thy Table, Lord (vs. 1, 2)

(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 Matthew Swarthout

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music

Prayer List



Last updated 3/18/2022

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
Nancy Turner

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)

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)
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)
Erik & Carly Barnes and baby (son &
daughter-in-law of Greg & Gale Barnes)
The Dan Boynton family
(friends of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Robert A. Young (father of Michele Bafford)
Cecelia Adams (granddaughter-in-law of
Ed & Joy Adams)
Lena Rutherford (niece of the Rutherford families)

Worship Extras

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Starter Question

What is the most significant forgiveness you've been granted by a person (other than Jesus)?

Sermon: The Heart of the Matter

The first words Jesus spoke from the cross is our Scripture for today.

Luke 23:24 A

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Scripture points to forgiveness holding the primary spot in Jesus' heart. He asks humans to be ambassadors of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is two-fold.

- It is the Gospel Message of divine forgiveness for sin that reconciles us with Christ.
- It is personal. This type of forgiveness involves our personal relationships, offenses we have suffered and offenses we have committed.

Forgiveness means "canceling a debt"—a wrongdoing or injustice done against you. Forgiveness occurs when a person chooses to let go of resentment, indignation, and anger held toward the offender, rather than holding a grudge or seeking revenge. When a person forgives, that person chooses not to hold past offenses or hurts against the offender.

Forgiveness is one of the most powerful things you can do.

The act of forgiveness promotes better health.

Forgiveness passages:

- Luke 11:4a
And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive "everyone" who is indebted to us.
- Colossians 3:13
Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; "even as Christ forgave you," so you also must do.
- Ephesians 4:32
And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Let us pray:

Holy God,

we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding grace, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel.

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.