

Prayer of Consecration

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

Matthew Swarthout

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

(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Millikin Interns

Postlude

Jupiter
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Gustav Holst

**All who are able, please stand*

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Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

May 15, 2022

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David Martin
Youth Director

Ben Hawkinson
Int. Dir. of Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Toccatina for Flutes* Pietro A. Yon
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Tina Miller

*Opening Hymn No. 518
This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Responsive Reading David Martin
Leader: Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you
fish for people."
**People: We have left everything behind us to come to this place
for worship today.**
Leader: Jesus said, "I send you out to proclaim the Good News."
People: We open our hearts and minds to receive God's Word.
Leader: Jesus said, "Be my witnesses... even to the ends
of the earth."
**People: We seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, so that we
can be agents of transformation in the world.**

*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 *Fairest Lord Jesus (vs. 1, 3)* No. 97

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special Music *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
Millikin Interns

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
Millikin Interns
(10:30) Anthem *Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee*
Johannes Brahms

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11 Michael E. Karunas

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

Sermon *Getting Un-Stuck from Neutral*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 386
We Come as Guests Invited (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 Dick Cain

Words of Institution

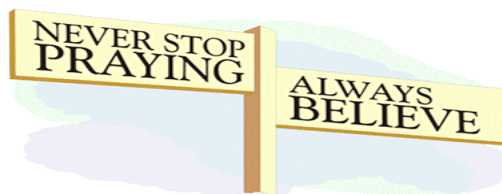
Prayer List

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
Dean Gray
Bob Logan

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 Thickesten)
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

Doris McAarty (Imboden Creek)
Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Nancy Turner (Imboden Creek)
Merle Chapman (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)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)
Bob & Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)
Jean Booher (Primrose)

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)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)

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Friends & Family, continued

Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
The family members of Vicky McGorray
(friend of Connie Bordner)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Harriette York (mother of David York)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
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)
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)
Robert A. Young (father of Michele Bafford)
Cecelia Adams (granddaughter-in-law of
Ed & Joy Adams)
Lena Rutherford (niece of the Rutherford families)
Jackie Pepperman (niece of Maria Jacobs)
Bob & Jane Campbell (brother & sister-in-law
of Bruce Campbell)
Maya Anthony (friend of Liz Campbell)
Dick Martin (friend of Jim Bednar)
Kay Green (friend of Penny Rutherford)

Worship Extras

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Starter Question

Who is someone who reminds you what is really important in life?

Sermon Theme: Getting Un-stuck from Neutral

Ascension of Jesus - Acts 1:6-11

40 days after resurrection

Jesus' final mission

What - "Be my witnesses..."

How - take the next step in front of you

Jesus' method for teaching his disciples...

take the next step in front of you

"Follow me..." was the first step

"Be my witnesses..." was the last step

"Stuck in Neutral"

Not going anywhere

Because the big picture is too overwhelming

Hurricane Katrina - PTSD

Next step - get up, get dressed...

Climbing a hill in the woods

Path meanders - never straight

God always aligns our steps, when taken with sincere desire to follow



Acts 1:6-11 NRSV

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."