

Prayer of Consecration

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

David Wagner

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 *Praise to the Lord (vs. 1, 3, 5)* No. 25
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
arr. Craig Phillips
Mike Waltenberger, organist

**All who are able, please stand*

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Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

September 25, 2022

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Senior Minister Youth Director Director of Music Pastor for Families

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
arr. Matt Limbaugh
Mike Waltenberger, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Opening Hymn No. 22
All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Responsive Reading
Leader: We come to worship the God who feeds the hungry.
People: We seek to be filled with the bread of life and the everlasting water.
Leader: We come to worship the God who clothes all of creation.
People: We seek to be covered with righteousness and faithfulness.
Leader: We come to worship the God who provides shelter to all.
People: We seek to dwell in the closeness of God.
Leader: We come to worship the God who calls us to reach out and serve.
People: We seek to connect with God through our service to 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

A Time for All God's Children David Martin

A Word of Witness Gregg Foltz

Prayer Hymn *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (vs. 1, 3) No. 349

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication
(8:00) Special Music, Cora Carr
(10:30) Anthem *Rejoice, Sing and Praise* G. F. Handel

Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31

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

Sermon *Noticing What's Most Important*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn *Seek Ye First* No. 354
(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 Diana Ritter

Words of Institution

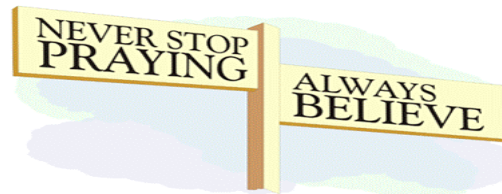
Prayer List

Members

Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
David Ash
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Mary Jane Linton
Phyllis Morris
Jill Johnson

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

Doris McArty (Imboden Creek)
Arlene Penn (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)
Helen Ryan (Hickory Pt. Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)
Bob & Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)
Jean Booher (Primrose)
Jean Goretzke (Primrose)
Morris Birkhead (Villas at Hollybrook)

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)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry &
Marla Winkleblack)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
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)
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)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Linda & Wayne Mollohan (friends of
Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Mark Demoulin (son of Jahala Demoulin)
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)
Kay Green (friend of Penny Rutherford)
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)
Karen Roppa (friend of Donna Dash)
Marge Smika (friend of Donna Dash)
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)
Sonna Livasy (friend of Donna Dash)
Kent Durbin (friend of Pamela Bednar)
Sharon Phillips (friend of Chris & Al Fagin)

Worship Extras September 25, 2022

Moses and the burning bush

"I must turn aside and look" - Exodus 3:3

(Not so focused on his plan that he failed to notice)

Luke 16:19-31

Rich Man

Purple

Sumptuous feasts

Gates

Poor Man - Lazarus ("God helps")

In need of health care, food, shelter, community

In the After-life

Rich man in Hades

Poor man in Heaven

What made the Rich Man end up where he was?

(More than about economics, this is about "noticing")

- In his pursuit of what he thought was important, he overlooked what was really important
- In his effort to fulfill his plans, he failed to notice an opportunity to reach out to a neighbor in need
- He didn't "see" (notice) the man as a human being



Luke 16:19-31 NRSVUE

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to

satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”