

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

Dee Dee Gain, organ

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

Recessional

Ours the Journey (vs. 1, 2)

No. 458

Postlude

Toccata Brevis
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Daniel Gawthrop



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday, November 8, 2020



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

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

Introit

Opening Music **God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (vs. 1, 2, 4)**
No. 651

*Responsive Reading

Leader: In the midst of new dimensions we wander our separate ways.

People: We your people, ours the journey.

Leader: In the flood of starving people, we seek to light the flame of care.

People: We your people, ours the journey.

Leader: Though we reach beyond this world, we still search humbly for
the promised land.

People: We your people, ours the journey.

Leader: In our fear and pain we look to the spirit to resurrect the church
again.

People: We your people, ours the journey.

*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 Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn **The Road Home** Stephen Paulus

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response **Holy, Holy, Holy** Franz Schubert
Luc Longcor, piano

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music **Homeward Bound** David Foster
Ensemble

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Missing Home**

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music **This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1, 4)** No. 518
*(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

Questions for Reflection

What is the farthest from home you've traveled in your life?

*When you think of "getting homesick," what comes to your mind?
What experiences have you had in your life with being "homesick?"*

Read Matthew 25:1-13

Make a list of all the things the 10 bridesmaids have in common.

Make a list of all the things they don't have in common.

Do you see them as more alike? Or different?

Are the two types of bridesmaids (wise and foolish) meant to represent two different types of people? Or two different parts of each one of us? What makes you answer the way you do?

At the end of the story there is "judgment." That is, some are "in" the party and some of left "out." Why, ultimately, do you think the foolish are left out? What makes them "foolish?"

How can this story impact us in our faith walk today?

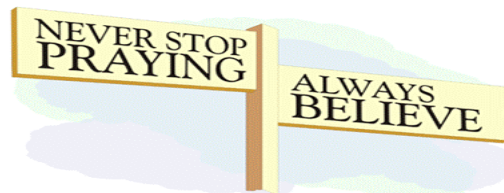


Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids ^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ^[b] ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids ^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids ^[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. ^[e]

Notes:

Prayer List



Members

Howard Cravens
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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
Katy Taylor

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Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)
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Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
The Family of Mark Richert (friend of Donna Dash)
Chuck & Linda Doehring (cousins of Joy Adams)
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Kay Wallace (friend of Sandra Schultz)
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