

\*Hymn of Communion      ***Come, O Long-expected Jesus***      No. 125  
(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.)

Elder's Meditation      Elder Cindy Soebbing

Words of Institution      Don Martin

Prayer of Consecration      Elder Penny Rutherford  
(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

Communion Music      ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***      arr. Wilbur Held

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      8:00      ***Joy to the World (vs. 1, 2)***      No. 143  
                         10:30      ***A Scottish Blessing***      David Blackwell  
                         Chancel Choir; Jeannie Rade, piano

Postlude      ***Festive Postlude***      Louri Grichetchkine  
(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)  
\*All who are able, please stand



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude ***Lift Up Your Heads*** arr. Lani Smith  
David Williams, organ

Introit

\*The Processional ***Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*** No. 129

\*Responsive Reading Keith Backes

Leader: We celebrate God's gift of a new beginning.  
We welcome Jesus coming toward us.

**People: We praise you, O God of new beginnings,  
for turning despair into hope.**

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: We praise you, O God, for bringing cosmos out of chaos.**

Leader: In the beginning the Word was with God, chasing the  
darkness into day.

**People: We praise you, O God, for bringing light out of night.**

**All: Let us bear witness to the light that was with God in the  
beginning. Let us bear witness to the light that became  
flesh in Jesus Christ.**

\*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 Michael E. Karunas

**PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn ***like a child*** No. 133

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

*(If you want someone to pray with you after this service, please meet an Elder in the church gallery just to your right as you leave the sanctuary)*

Offertory Invitation

Offertory ***Amazing Grace***  
Emily Sheffer, clarinet

\*Doxology No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

**PROCLAMATION**

Anthem ***Of the Father's Love Begotten*** arr. Larry Shackley  
Chancel Choir; Emily Sheffer, Clarinet

Scripture Reading ***Luke 15: 1-7***  
(pg. 78 N.T.)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Back to Basics #3***

**RESPONSE**

Invitation to Discipleship

**Michael E. Karunas**  
Senior Minister

**Don Martin**  
Minister of Music

**Tina Miller**  
Associate Minister of  
CE and Family Life

**David Martin**  
Youth Director

**Imboden Creek:**

Charlotte Ballance, Connie Bordner

**Deacons:**

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
- 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulk, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

**Ushers:**

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
- 10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

**Greeters:**

- 8:00 - Greg & Jo Carter
- 10:30 - Keith & Jeannie Backes

**Acolytes:**

- 10:30 - Luke Karunas

**P.A. Operator:**

- 8:00 - Donna Dash
- 10:30 - Larry Pepper

**Preparation of Communion:**

Judson & Jean Pease, Susan Bryant, Donna Dash

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Room</b>
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	280
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service

**Monday (3)**

**CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday (4)**

**PRESCHOOL BEGINS!**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 11:15-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 1:30-Millikin Class, 240

**Wednesday (5)**

- 10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
- 10:30-Minster's Meeting
- 1:00-Artwork Committee Mtg, Conn. Café

**Thursday (6)**

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

**Friday (7)**

**Saturday (8)**

- 7:00-Central Celebration Setup
- 10:00-Central Celebration & Picnic

**Sunday (9)**

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 4:00-Youth Group
- 5:30-Just Flicks Setup, Great Hall
- 6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

### **"Bible 101" Bible Study coming September 11**

As a companion to our current sermon series "Back to Basics" we will be offering a six-week Introduction to the Bible small group called "Bible 101." This is a class truly designed for those who would like the most basic information on how the bible is put together. All ages are welcome (though it's probably most suited for late junior high / high school and above). The group will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Note: we need to know how many people are interested in attending this class so we can determine how much space we will need. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or by calling (428-4336) or emailing ([central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org)).

- 9/11 Mountain #1 – Mt. Sinai
- 9/18 Mountain #2 – Mt. Zion
- 9/25 and 10/2 Gospels (part 1 and 2)
- 10/9 Epistles and the Book of Acts
- 10/16 Book of Acts and Revelation

### **Spanish Classes to begin in September**

Spanish classes taught by Maria Jacobs will begin again in September in room 240 and end in November.

There is **no cost** to sign up; no homework and definitely no tests!  
Just lots of learning and fun.

Classes will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from **5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

- Beginning dates for each class are:

- **Monday** September 10th
- **Thursday** September 13th

*To sign up please call the office (428-4336) or email [central@cccdisciples.org](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org) with your name, email, phone number and class you will be attending.*

### **MIX-IT-UP with DORCAS!**

Our first Dorcas meeting of the 2018-2019 program year is Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Join in the fun and get to know each other better by sharing the names of your favorite foods, hymns and scriptures. We'll learn about our upcoming mission-focused programs, listen to an inspirational devotion and enjoy delicious refreshments.

We sincerely hope all Central women consider joining in the fellowship. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at [xstra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstra@sbcglobal.net) or 620-5639 by Friday, September 14th. For more information about Dorcas Disciples contact Sandy Garver at 877-0800 or [revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net).

## **About Today's Music**

Anthem ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

Words: A. C. Prudentius 4<sup>th</sup> Century Translation: J. M. Neale and H. W. Baker  
Music: 13<sup>th</sup> Century Plainsong Choral Setting: Larry Shackley

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King:  
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

This is he who seers and sages sang of old with one accord;  
whom the writings of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long expected: let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

Recessional ***A Scottish Blessing***

Words: from a Scottish Blessing Music: David Blackwell

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above;  
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.  
There is no bird that soars the mountains, there is no deer upon the hill,  
there is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.  
Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days;  
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.  
There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea;  
there is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.  
As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,  
at the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours.  
Let every creature in God's kingdom, let every life upon the shore sing praise to  
God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.