



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 23, 2023, 9:15 AM
Central Christian Church

About our service:

We want worship to be comfortable for you. Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Simply deposit your offering in the box on the south wall of the worship area or follow prompts to text-to-give or to give online.

MEDITATION TABLE

STONES & VASE

Use the stones as a physical representation of your burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

COMFORT CROSS

Feel free to pick up a cross and take it with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally. His comfort, care, and transformative power is at work for you, in you, and through you today and always. Receive it. Praise God and share His never-ending love with others.

PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.

Scholarships

Forms are available for various scholarships at the Welcome Center Desk or available online at our website through a link in the Youth Ministries webpage. You can also text "SCHOLARSHIP" to 217-212-2173 for information.

NOTE: all scholarships forms are due by **APRIL 28th**.



An Afternoon of Song

On Sunday, April 23rd, at 4:00 p.m., acclaimed pianist Dr. Casey Robards, Cherry Duke and her husband, tenor Brian Downen, present a recital of works for voice and piano at Central Christian Church. The concert also features Millikin University professor William McClean, viola.

Responsive Reading—

Leader: We come seeking Jesus, like the women who went to the tomb.

People: They did not find him there because he had been raised.

Leader: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

People: How will our lives be different now that we have encountered the living Christ?

Leader: We can let go of our past failings and shortcomings and trust that God can use us just as we are.

All: May we have the courage to live as Easter people.

Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table **during the communion time**. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let Pastor Michael know after worship.



Wifi= CCCGuest
No password
needed.

Help us spread the word about our service!

- "Check in" on Facebook (let your friends know you're here)
 - "Like" our page (Central Christian Contemporary Worship / Central Christian Church)
 - "Follow" our page (click on the ellipse and then select "follow")
- Take pics and share to your FB page too!**

Mark 16:1-8 NRSVUE

After Easter...

Life still remains as it was *before* Easter
But we are different... aren't we???

Mark 16:1-9

"Young man"

Before – Mark 14:51-52

Far from Jesus
Naked (ashamed)
Silent

After – Mark 16:1-8

Close to Jesus
Clothed (confident)
Proclaiming resurrection

"Women"

Run away – afraid – not saying anything
Doesn't sound like "Good News" does it???

What keeps me up at night? – People who disappoint us

Sometimes it's US (Young man)

Let go of shame of past
Christ redeems our brokenness

Sometimes it's OTHERS (women)

Be honest with self 1st!
Sometimes we're the ones adding to the disappointment

All things can be changed by Easter...

Notes:

Serving Today

Elder- Susan Bryant
Deacon- Ellen & Ryan Damery
Greeter- Dave & Cheryl Zollinger
Liturgist- Travis Wilcoxon
Snacks- Cindy Grabowski

Serving Next Sunday, 4/30

Elder- Theresa Fulk
Deacon- Laura Moma
Greeter- Andy & Theresa Fulk
Liturgist- Greg Barnes
Snacks- Marci Baumann