



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

May 7, 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.

WE CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH STAFF!

Dorcas Disciples (All mission-focused Central women are invited) will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon at 12 noon on May 16th in the Great Hall. Disciples will gather at 11:15 a.m. for a brief business meeting, then celebrate the dedicated service of our church staff with a yummy Italian lunch at noon. Our church staff will receive personal individual invitations. Dorcas ladies, please RSVP by Friday, May 12th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at: 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make sure we have enough delicious food. Hope to see you May 16th!

Elderberries

The next Elderberries meal and program will be on May 10th, 2023. Anthony from Hickory Point Bank will speak about fraud prevention. The menu includes a hearty beef stew with potatoes and carrots, served over a biscuit with fruit salad, ice cream and cookies.

Good Samaritan Volunteering

On May 13th, Central Christian Church is partnering with Good Samaritan Inn to help with food prep and the serving of food. Food prep work is from 8 am – 10:30 am, food serving is from 11 am – 1:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet at the Connection Center.

Food Collection for NECF

The next date for food collection for the Northeast Community Fund is today, May 7th. Cereal, soup, and any other non-perishable food is appreciated. Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the Connection Café. Thank you for your help!

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.



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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!**

Luke 24:44-49 NRSVUE

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

NOTES:

Responsive Reading

Leader: Jesus calls us to a new understanding of community.

People: We must turn away from fear and hatred and all that divides us.

Leader: We are called to embrace repentance and forgiveness.

People: We know that we cannot do this on our own.

Leader: God has promised us the gift of power from on high.

People: May we live in true community, guided by God's Holy Spirit.

Serving Today

Elder- Brett Swallow
Deacon- Matt Moma
Greeter- Dave & Cheryl Zollinger
Liturgist- Isabella Karunas
Snacks- Angie Horvath

Serving Next Sunday, 5/14

Elder- Charlotte Ballance
Deacon- Angie & Ron Ingram
Greeter- Andy & Theresa Fulk
Liturgist- Donna Rutherford
Snacks- Randy & Deb Trei