



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

May 21, 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.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost offering supports the New Church Movement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This movement has allowed us to grow our Disciples Family by welcoming many new and affiliated faith communities into the fold. Our church planters are eager to answer God's call to spread the gospel in new ways and places. Established congregations like ours are sharing resources, love and support for this effort. The Pentecost Offering will be received two consecutive Sundays, May 21 & 28. Please consider giving generously to this important ministry for advancing faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sabbath Retreat

The upcoming Sabbath Retreat will be on Saturday, June 10, 9-11:30 am with a theme of "Everybody Needs a Break". We will slow down and explore some practices that help us to spend time with one another and with God. All ages are welcome. Nursery care will be provided for our youngest children.

"Deep Roots/Wild Branches" Book Study

Remember to sign-up for one of the five small groups that will meet and discuss this book over the months of June and July. Pastor Michael will be reading this book while he is away and we are committing to reading the same book as a congregation. Sign-up sheets for each book study are at the Welcome Center desk.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We are excited about this summer's Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 10-13, Monday through Thursday mornings, from 9am until noon. We need many adults to provide a fun and meaningful experience for our children. Please consider volunteering for VBS. Contact Pastor Vicky for more information.

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!

Exodus 20:8 NRSVUE

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

God created the sabbath for our rest, renewal, and delight. From the time of creation, there has been sabbath. The fourth of the Ten Commandments – remember the sabbath day and treat it as important.

It's evident we have forgotten. Let's think about what it could look like. How will we spend our sabbath? – rest, renewal, delight, and worship. Our time and attention turned to our relationship with God. Let's talk about some practical ideas that could work for us. (P.S., I'm working on it, too!)

Sabbatical and sabbath - part of our journey and Pastor Michael's journey is to remember the sabbath. What a gift!

A Prayer for Sabbatical – One God, One Church

God of Oneness,

In this time of sabbatical, may we rest in you, finding quiet that connects us with
you in deeper ways.

May we be present to you with open hearts and minds, trusting you to show us the way to peace.

May we be present to one another with gentleness and understanding, seeking to be more loving
and authentic.

May we hold Michael in our love and prayers, that he may commune with you,

O God, and find what you have already prepared for him to receive.

May our time of distance be one of renewed commitment to our shared ministry.

We pray with thanksgiving and hope, in Your holy name.

Amen.

Responsive Reading

Leader: We have been commanded to “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy”.

People: But we do not always remember to practice sabbath.

Leader: We lose our way when we forget to stop and rest in God’s presence.

People: May we be reminded this day of the power of sabbath rest.

Leader: May we be refreshed and renewed and find joy as we,

All: “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.”

Serving Today

Elder- Kevin Wilmot

Deacon- Rod & Laurie Damery

Greeter- Angie Horvath

Liturgist- Isabella Karunas

Snacks- Jodi Van Uytven

Serving Next Sunday, 5/28

Elder- Matthew Swarthout

Deacon- Steve & Marci Baumann

Greeter- Steve & Marci Baumann

Liturgist- Marci Baumann

Snacks- Steve & Marci Baumann