



Growing Together In Faith

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

July 9, 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.

SCRIPTURE CARDS

Feel free to read and take one of the Scripture cards with you. You are encouraged to place it where you will see it throughout your week as a reminder of God's message for you.

Upcoming Church Community Events

July 15 – noon to 3:00 pm

Neighborhood picnic at the church – bounce house, BBQ, the C3 Praise Band, games and more! A great time to meet other members and friends of the church as well as our neighbors.

July 22 – 6:00 to 7:00 pm

An Evening of Speed-Tasting – a fun way of “getting to know you,” brief conversations to meet new friends and share one another’s stories. There will be wonderful desserts! And it’s just an hour.

Blanket the World with God's Love

For people who have lost everything, a blanket can provide comfort and protection and also symbolize God's love. That's why they are vital in the after-math of a hurricane, flood or other disaster.

CWS seeks our help for the annual Blanket Sunday offering, to be collected on two consecutive Sundays, July 9 and July 16.

Ten dollars provides a blanket to a person in need. Fifty dollars helps an entire family. A gift of \$250 provides warm blankets for five families left homeless by a tornado. And \$500 is enough to supply a small shelter with blankets. Your generous donations are appreciated!

Damage Assistance

Did you have damage to your home/property in the most recent storms? Our denomination's ministry called Week of Compassion may be able to help. Let us know of the damage and the cost of repair and there may be some funds sent to our congregation to share. Please call the church office or email Pastor Scott at: scottwoolridge650@gmail.com. This is just another way of saying - "We're all in this together!"

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens

Our guest preacher on Sunday, July 16 is Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens, our General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). When preaching, she brings her passion for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and the truth of God’s Limitless Love for all people and creation. It will be a joy to welcome Terri to Central as we worship together.

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 Vicky or Pastor Scott know after worship.



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No password
needed.

Acts 2:41-47 NRSVUE

⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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 gather to worship God.

People: We gather as the beloved community.

Leader: We come to hear the Good News of God, in Jesus Christ.

People: We come to offer our prayers, and break bread together.

Leader: May we have glad and generous hearts, in the same spirit as those first Pentecost believers.

All: May we praise God together!

Serving Today

Elder - David York

Deacon - Louis & Laura Kappler

Greeter - Cheryl Zollinger

Liturgist - Travis Wilcoxon

Snacks - Susie Turner

Serving Next Sunday, 7/16

Elder - Susan Bryant

Deacon - Randy Trei

Greeter - Angie Horvath

Liturgist - Cheryl Zollinger

Snacks - Susie Turner