



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 7, 2024, 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.

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.

PRAYER WALL

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



Wifi= CCCGuest
(No password)

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Fellowship Meal to Welcome Pastor Melinda

Save the date of Sunday, April 21 and make your plans to attend Central now.

- At the 10:30 service, Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth - our Associate Regional Minister - will be in worship to officially install Pastor Melinda as our Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care.
- Following the 10:30 worship, we will have a fellowship meal where Pastor Melinda will be our guest of honor. We will have a brief program to help get to know Pastor Melinda better. Reserve your spot for the fellowship dinner (217) 428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org.

Neighborhood Prayer Group "Next Steps" Meeting

On Monday, April 15, anyone (and everyone) is invited to a discussion and conversation about "next steps" as it relates to our connection with our immediate neighborhood. This conversation will pick up where the Neighborhood Prayer Group left off. As you might remember, a Neighborhood Prayer Group met every Monday from early February through Palm Sunday to pray for our neighborhood. In our attempt to be "good neighbors" in our immediate environment and to build connections with those who share this space with us, we want to keep this mission and purpose ever before us. Any decision we, as a church, make regarding anything formal or official will be made through the church council. We envision this kind of a meeting to be one that keeps the conversation going as we seek to discern how and where God might be leading us. If you're interested, join us in the Disciples Room at 5:00 p.m.

2024 Scholarships

Scholarship forms are available on paper at the Welcome Center and online now! The deadline to submit the scholarships will be at 3:00 PM on May 3rd.



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 or Pastor Vicky know after worship.

John 20:19-29 NRSVUE

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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Responsive Reading

Leader: We are resurrection people.

People: We proclaim that, "Christ is risen!"

Leader: "Christ is risen, indeed!"

People: Like Thomas, we want to believe, even when we have questions and doubts.

Leader: With the eyes of our hearts open, may we be ready to encounter the risen Christ.

People: Yes, we are resurrection people and thankful to God.

Serving Sunday, 4/7

Elder - Angie Ingram
 Deacon - Laura & Louis Kappler
 Greeter - Laura & Louis Kappler
 Liturgist - Travis Wilcoxon
 Snacks - Deb & Randy Trei

Serving Next Sunday, 4/14

Elder - Jim Fitzpatrick
 Deacon - Matt & Laura Moma
 Greeter - Matt & Laura Moma
 Liturgist - Melinda McDonald
 Snacks - Suzie Turner