



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 6, 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.

### 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.



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No password  
needed.

## 2022-2025 Capital Campaign Update

Phase 1 Renovation of the former Heritage Center in the lower level has begun. The Renovation will last approximately 8 weeks long but will create a modern and welcoming gathering place for all.

Please watch for progress notices and take an update flyer located at the Welcome Center Counter and the Great Hall Welcome Table.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience during the renovation.  
- Décor Committee

## In Sympathy ...

A Celebration of Life will be held for Larry Pepper at Central Christian Church, Decatur, IL, on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

## Zachary Martin Ordination

On Saturday, August 26th at 1:00pm, we will have a celebration of Zachary Martin's ordination. More details to come!

## Join Our Nursery Team

We have a need for two nursery staff members and two volunteers. If you feel a calling to help and would like to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Vicky for more information.

## Thank You from Scott and Vicky

It has been a privilege and a joy to serve Central during Michael's sabbatical. Many people have worked together to provide leadership and care and ensure that our ministries continued.

Thank you so much for all of your support and your outpouring of love, shown to us in so many ways. Thank you for the lovely reception, the kind words, cards, and gifts. We are humbled and honored by your generosity and care.

When Michael returns, Scott's time as interim associate minister will end. Vicky will continue to serve Central in her part-time position as Pastor for Families.

Blessings, Scott and Vicky

## 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.

**Philippians 1:3-11 NRSVUE**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup>for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**A Prayer for the End of the Sabbatical - One God, One Church**

God of Oneness,

We come to you with joyful thanksgiving! In this time of sabbatical, we have found rest in you, in the quiet moments when we have connected with you in deeper ways.

We have been present to you with open hearts and minds, trusting you to show us the way to peace. We have been present to one another with gentleness and understanding, as we seek to be even more loving and authentic.

We have held Michael in our love and prayers, as he communed with you, O God, and we trust that he found what you had prepared for him to receive.

Our time of distance has strengthened and renewed our commitment to our shared ministry. We have seen an amazing blending of gifts.

As this sabbatical journey comes to an end, we give thanks for the many gifts we have received.

With joy we anticipate the work you are calling us to do as we continue to live out our mission to Share Christ, Change Lives and Deliver Hope.

We pray in your holy name, Amen.

**Responsive Reading**

Leader: We come together and proclaim our faith in One God.

**People: We come together to worship as One Church.**

Leader: We celebrate that each one here is a beloved child of God.

**People: We give thanks for one another and the gifts that each one shares.**

Leader: Let our joy and praise overflow as we give thanks to God.

**All: We join our voices as the people of God and say, "Amen".**

**Serving Today**

Elder - Charlotte Ballance  
Deacon - Ellen & Ryan Damery  
Greeter - Cheryl Zollinger  
Liturgist - Angie Horvath  
Snacks - Laura Kappler

**Serving Next Sunday, 8/13**

Elder - Kevin Wilmot  
Deacon - Rod & Laurie Damery  
Greeter - Randy & Deb Trei  
Liturgist - Cheryl Zollinger  
Snacks - Angie Horvath