

Prayer of Consecration Jeannie Backes
(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music Franklin Ritter
Reflection on "Finlandia"

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: **The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn No. 725
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (vs. 1, 2, 4)

(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *God of the Ages* Mary McDonald
David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *A Hymn for Our Nation* Franklin Ritter
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 276
We Gather Together (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Sue Ann Cain

Leader: Come, people of God, let us gather in awe and wonder.

**People: The One who commands the winds and the waves
also restores broken lives.**

Leader: We come to worship the Christ who crosses
all boundaries and barriers to meet us in our need.

**People: He breaks all chains of darkness and speaks peace
into chaos. Where the world sees a hopeless case,
Jesus sees a beloved soul.**

Leader: We come to worship the One who brings healing
and sends us out to tell the good news.

**People: Let us proclaim with joy
the great things God has done for us!**

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever, Amen.**

*Gloria Patri No. 35

A Time for All God's Children Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn *This Is My Song* (vs. 1, 3) No. 722

Pastoral Prayer Melinda McDonald

(8:00) Prayer Response

(10:30) Special music, Brian Maple

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Brian Maple

(10:30) Anthem *America the Beautiful* arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading Luke 8:26-39 Pg. 68 NT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *What to Say in Turbulent Times*

Invitation to Discipleship

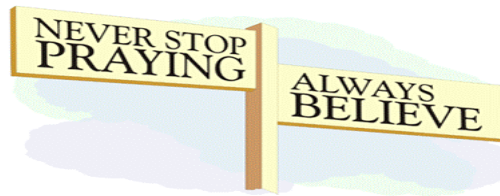
*Communion Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 97

*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith
and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this
Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Kim Miller

Words of Institution

Prayer List



Last updated 6/27/2025

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
June Moutray
Mike & Carole Holbrook
Mickie Wilmot
Misty Mochel
Linda Kuhns
Don & Brenda Tankersley
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
Dave Withrow
Ken Jacoby
Karen McFadin
Leona Bray

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Ryan Smithson (grandson of Jim & Vicki Fitzpatrick)
Lucas May (nephew of Marci Baumann)
Nicholas Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Mason Penhallegon (nephew of Babs & Tom McKay)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Sally Thicksten (Randall Residence)
Barb Tyler (Tanglewood)
Bob Garrett (Primrose)
Dan Brintlinger (Primrose)
Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)
Eleanor Pritts (Hickory Pt. Christian Village)
Don Boyd (Lincolnshire)
Yvonne Purcell (Evergreen)
Glen Dalluge

Friends & Family

Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Harriette York (mother of David York)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jean Lucas (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner)
Evelyn Drahovzal (friend of Charlotte Ballance)
Tina King (friend to many CCC members)
Sharyl Craggs (wife of Bob Craggs)
Curt & Malinda Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Sharolyn Esgar (daughter of Nancy Flamm)
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)
Tom & Jerry White (sister & brother-in-law of Joy Adams)
Sara Foreman (friend of Susan Bryant)
Joyce Wakeland (mother of Rebecca VanMeter)
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)
Renee Spencer (daughter of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)
Jerry & Crystal Ridgely (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Dream (daughter of Unique Hess, friend of Janelle Beedle)

Worship Extras
June 29, 2025

Luke 8:26-39 NRSVUE

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ **When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,"** ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ **Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.** ³¹ **They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.** ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ **When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.** ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ **Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.** ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ **The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,** ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, June 29, 2025

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Kim Miller

June Prep Deacons: Ed & Joy Adams, Claudia Curry

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David King, David Wagner

10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Andrea Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Martin, Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Karen Penn

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Sue Ann Cain

Next Sunday, July 6, 2025

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, David York

July Prep Deacons: Stephani Martin, Krista & Sid Rohrscheib

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Nancy King, Patti Swinford

10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Donna Dash

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Keith Backes