

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

September 21, 2025, 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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## Let's go to the ZOO!

All Central families are invited to join us at Scovill Zoo <u>TODAY!!</u> The fun begins at 2pm. We will meet at the entrance to the zoo where you will receive your wristbands. Enjoy

exploring the Zoo and playing on the playground. Have fun with your family and the Central friends you already know. And reach out to meet some new friends and introduce yourselves (look for the same color wristbands). The church will cover the cost of entrance into the Zoo and one ride for each person either on the carousel or the train. Our own Janet Lyman will be driving the train that afternoon! We'll provide pizza and drinks, starting at 3pm at the picnic tables in the middle of the zoo. We hope you can join us for the fun as we spend time together as a church family.

# God Brings Us Together For Fun Times, Too! \*\*\*DEADLINE FOR COMMUTERS

## **HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 1ST!\*\*\***

Rev. Melinda is presenting our biblical and spiritual content for the Central Women's Retreat that will take place locally.

Friday evening 10/10 through Saturday, 10/11 (not even 24 hours!). Come for a time of fun and relaxation and learning about Ruth. Great food,



enjoyable games, and easy craft activities along with each other's company! Location: The Hampton Inn Decatur SE, 4855 E. Evergreen Ct.

Cost: \$25.00 + your hotel room

You can pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center or the back table in the Great Hall or use the QR code on this page. If you have questions, you can reach out to Gretchen Kirby (217-433-8099) or Christine Lyman-Harm (217-620-8870), or you can also reach out to the church office or Rev. Melinda (melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org).

# 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 a pastor know after worship.

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### Luke 9:46-48 NRSVUE

<sup>46</sup> An argument arose among them concerning which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup> But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side <sup>48</sup> and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, for the least among all of you is the greatest."

**Notes:** 

### What Christmas Means to Me

We want your help! We are putting together a book of Christmas devotions and memoirs for the Advent Season. Beginning November 30 until Christmas day, we would like to offer a personal reflection on the meaning of Christmas written by someone from our faith community. This is where you come in!

Tell us about a time in your life when the spirit of Christmas came alive. Tell us about a time when you experienced the "Christ" of Christmas

What are you hoping for this Christmas?

What does Christmas mean to you?

Submissions can be any length, but <u>350-450 words</u> is probably best Submission are due by <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 31 at 4:00 p.m.</u>
You can email them to <u>central@cccdisicples.org</u>. If handwritten, you an mail them to church or bring them any Sunday and leave them in the Welcome Center.



Jesus Loves, Jesus Saves

## Serving Today, 9/21

Elder – Lea West Deacon – Kaitlin & Mark Glause Greeter – Cheryl & Dave Zollinger Liturgist – Cheryl Zollinger Snacks – Laura Kappler

# Serving Next Sunday, 9/28

Elder – Tom Spry

Deacon – Laurie & Rod Damery

Greeter – Andy & Theresa Fulk

Liturgist – Theresa Fulk

Snacks – Susie Turner