

Communion Music

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     *O God of Vision* (vs. 1, 3, 5)                      No. 288

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

Postlude                                      *Jupiter*                                      Gustav Holst  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

*\*All who are able, please stand*

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Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois

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**Dr. Benjamin Hawkinson**  
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Sunday, March 8, 2026, 10:30 AM

Central Christian Church

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude *Grace* G. P. Telemann  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

\*Introit

\*Opening Hymn No. 464  
*God of Grace and God of Glory (vs. 1, 4, 5)*

\*Responsive Reading Keith Backes

Leader: We come to worship God

**People: Who welcomes us with open arms.**

Leader: We come to draw nearer to Jesus

**People: Who invites us to come and see.**

Leader: We come to commune with God's Holy Spirit

**People: That we may be born again to share the welcoming love and light of God.**

\*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 *O for a World (vs. 1, 3, 5)* No. 683

Pastoral Prayer

Special music, Ben & Audrey Hawkinson

Offertory Invitation

\*Doxology No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *I Will Rise* Chris Tomlin  
arr. Craig Courtney

Solos: Morgan Reckamp, Izzy Kostbade, Jarrett Newsome

Scripture Reading John 4:5-18 Pg. 94-95 NT

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Conversation That Changed Everything*  
Dr. William Crowder

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn No. 339

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

*(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 Julie Martin

Words of Institution

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

# Prayer List



Last updated 03/06/2026

## Members

Evelyn Sanders  
Debbie & Jim Hoffert  
Gene Guthrie  
Jim & Diane Denzer  
Mike & Carole Holbrook  
Linda Kuhns  
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham  
Dave Withrow  
Karen McFadin  
Larry & Debbie Foster  
Shane Garver  
Bill Moutray  
Bob Smith  
Jean Maggioncalda  
Liz Campbell

## 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 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)  
Cameron Hauhe (grandson-in-law of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)  
Nicholas Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Bob Garrett (The Loft)  
Dixie June Govro (The Loft)  
Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)  
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)  
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)  
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)

## 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)  
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)  
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)  
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)  
Tom & Jerry White (sister & brother-in-law of Joy Adams)  
Sara Foreman (friend of Susan Bryant)  
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)  
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)  
Renee Spencer (daughter of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)  
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)  
Dream (daughter of Unique Hess, friend of Janelle Beedle)  
Pat Berry (friend of Angie Ingram)  
Brett Moroney (grandson of Jeannie Rade)  
Mary Schilling (sister of Susan Bryant)  
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)  
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)  
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of K & J)  
Mary Peck (friend of Keith Backes)  
Jennifer Maddox (sister of Fran Rutherford)  
Byron Fast (husband of Martha Fast)  
Sid Stone (brother of Cindy Soebbing)  
Joe Sprinkle (nephew of Janet Gray)  
Sebastian Smallwood (great-nephew of Bill & Nanette Frank)  
TJ & Paulette Jackson & family (friends of Donna Dash)  
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)

## Worship Extras

March 8, 2026

### John 4:5-18, ERV

<sup>5</sup>In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar, which is near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip, so he sat down beside the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>This happened while his followers were in town buying some food. <sup>9</sup>The woman answered, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink! You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman!" (Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "You don't know what God can give you. And you don't know who I am, the one who asked you for a drink. If you knew, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said, "Sir, where will you get that living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob? He is the one who gave us this well. He drank from it himself, and his sons and all his animals drank from it too." <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. <sup>14</sup>But anyone who drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give people will be like a spring flowing inside them. It will bring them eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty again and won't have to come back here to get more water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered, "But I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup>That's because, although you have had five husbands, the man you live with now is not your husband. That much was the truth."

### Notes:

## Serving Schedule

Today, March 8, 2026

**Elders:** Jeannie Backes, Julie Martin

**March Prep Deacons:** Mary Jane Linton, Linda Zinn\*

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Peggy Carpunky, Ellen Hearn

10:30 - Dale Ford, Tom Jones

**Ushers:**

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

10:30 - Team 6 - Ron & Terry Grant, Mark Kincaid

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Dianne Devore, Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Jordan Backes

**Liturgist:** Keith Backes

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Next Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Elders:** Tom Spry, Matthew Swarthout

**Outreach Communion Elders:** Jeannie Backes, Linda Foltz, Gretchen Kirby, Christine Lyman-Harm, Rebecca Monroe, Gail Prince

**March Prep Deacons:** Mary Jane Linton, Lea West, Linda Zinn\*

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Bobby Munos

10:30 - David Martin, Rick Thomas

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda Rowden

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

**Liturgist:** Shirley Swarthout