

Meditation

David Wagner

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Tom Spry

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

Communion Music

arr. Robert Howell

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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. 344

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 1, 2, 3)

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

Postlude

Voluntary on "Beecher"

Peter Benjamin

David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Pastorale on "Munich"* Lani Smith
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Melinda McDonald

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 453
Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Responsive Reading Ellen Hearn

Leader: Just as the Spirit of God declared Jesus to be
God's beloved Son,

People: So, too, are we God's beloved children!

Leader: Just as the Spirit of God delights in all creation,

**People: So, too, does God give breath to
the people who walk the earth.**

Leader: The LORD Almighty will take us by the hand

**People: And give us the faith and courage to obey
God's commandments.**

All: Let us worship 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 No. 322
O Word of God Incarnate (vs. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response

(10:30) Special music, Jane Cussins

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Jane Cussins

(10:30) Anthem Jan Carneghi
Lord, Make Us Messengers of Your Peace

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 Pg. 34 NT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

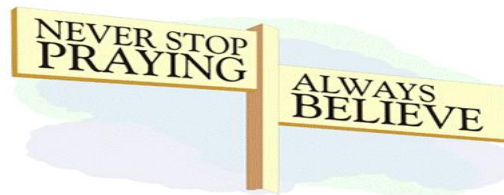
Sermon *A Faith Greater than Doubt*
Michael E. Karunas

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 384
Here at thy Table Lord (vs. 1, 2)

(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.)

Prayer List



Last updated 05/29/2026

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
Carole Holbrook
Linda Kuhns
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
Dave Withrow
Larry & Debbie Foster
Shane Garver
Bob Smith
Jean Maggioncalda
Mark Kincaid
Gary Jackson
Bill Moutray

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)
Cameron Hauhe (grandson-in-law of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Bob Garrett (Randall Residence)
Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Karen McFadin (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)

Friends & Family (continued...)

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)
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Greg Barnes' father
Sharron and Wayne Coleman (relatives of the Barnes family)
Lisa Campbell (daughter of Bruce & Liz Campbell)
Dee Dee Gain (organist)
Tony (brother of Angie Ingram)
Maks (friend of Angie Ingram)

Worship Extras
May 31, 2026

Matthew 28:16-20, NRSVUE

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The 2026 Peacemaker Award recipient names and their schools:

Octavia Phillips -- Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School

Dillon Waks -- Dennis Lab School

Kasandra Goodall and Kymaireon Hill - Hope Academy

Marina Arellano-Alvarez -- Johns Hill Magnet School

Jocelyn Williams -- Montessori Academy for Peace

Maci Karch and Isaiah Thomas -- Stephen Decatur Middle School

Elijah Curry -- Eisenhower High School

JaShaun Willis -- MacArthur High School

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, May 31, 2026

Elders: Tom Spry, David Wagner

May Prep Deacons: Beth Calvert, David & Nancy* King

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Julie Jones, Rick Thomas

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - David King, Capt., Nancy King

10:30 - Team 8 - Diana Ritter, David Sheffer, Bob & Bev Dondeville

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne DeVore, Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn

Next Sunday, June 7, 2026

Elders: Kim Maple, Linda Rowden

June Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Molly & Shane* Major

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Sid Rohrscheib

10:30 - Mike Kirby, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn

10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Martha Fast

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Ellen Hearn, John Ivens

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Janet Lyman