

Communion Music *Take Time to Be Holy* arr. Gerald Peterson

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. 434
God Be with You Till We Meet Again (vs. 1, 4)

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

Postlude *Go Your Way with Rejoicing!*
Douglas E Wagner
David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday, October 11, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible*
arr. Roger C. Wilson
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Vicky Woolridge

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 66
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Responsive Reading Jordan Backes
Leader: We come to worship a generous God
and to hear the good news.
**People: May we be open to new understandings of
generosity and grace.**
Leader: For God is the giver of all good gifts.
**People: Given to each in full measure,
from the goodness of God's heart.**
Leader: We may call for fairness and seek to claim our earned share,
**All: In God's kingdom, grace is abundant
where the last shall be first and the first shall be last.**

*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

Prayer Hymn No. 115
There's Something About That Name

Pastoral Prayer Michael E. Karunas

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Izzy Kostbade

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication
(8:00) Special Music, Izzy Kostbade
(10:30) Anthem Jane Holstein
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-15 Pg. 21-22 NT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Parable of Incomparable Grace*

Invitation to Discipleship

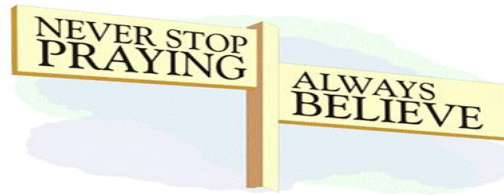
*Communion Hymn No. 572
Take Time to Be Holy (vs. 1, 3, 4)
*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of
faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing
of this Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Matthew Swarthout

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 10/09/2026

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
Gary Jackson
Leon Bolin
Bill Moutray
Jim Nuernberger

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)
Patrick Shafter (son of Lee & Susan Shafter)

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)
Dave & Nita Phillips (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Karen McFadin (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)
Jahala Demoulin (Vonderlieth)

Friends & Family

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)
Jim & Kay Story (friends of Maria Jacobs)
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Brett Moroney (grandson of Jeannie Rade)
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of Ken & Julie Jacoby)
Jennifer Maddox (sister of Fran Rutherford)
Sid Stone (brother of Cindy Soebbing)
Sebastian Smallwood (great-nephew of Bill & Nanette Frank)
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Sharron & 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)
Lorraine French (aunt of David King)
Jeannie Coffman (friend of Connie Bordner)
Bonnie, Will, & Holly Kroening (sister, brother-in-law, and niece of Tom McKay)
Cherrick family (preschool family)

Worship Extras
October 11, 2026

Matthew 20:1-15, NRSVUE

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, October 11, 2026

Elders: Tom Spry, Matthew Swarthout

October Prep Deacons: Julie & Tom Jones, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Doug Blakey, Mike Munos

10:30 - Julie Jones, Ron Oliver

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Jordan Backes

Next Sunday, October 18, 2026

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Dave Wagner

Outreach Communion Elders: Jeannie Backes, Linda Foltz, Gretchen Kirby, Julie Martin, Rebecca Monroe, Lea West

October Prep Deacons: Julie & Tom Jones, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Dianne DeVore, Betsy Tietz

10:30 - Mike Kirby, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn