

Elder's Meditation

Elder Keith Backes

Words of Institution

Don Martin

Prayer of Consecration

Elder David Wagner

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

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

*Recessional

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1, 2) No. 628

Postlude

Vesper Voluntary

Edward Elgar

(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)

**All who are able, please stand*



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois
www.cccdisciples.org

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Michael E. Karunas
Senior Minister

Don Martin
Minister of Music

Tina Miller
Associate Minister of
CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Flower Duet

Dee Dee Gain, organ

Leo Delibes

Prelude

Introit

*The Processional ***Christians, We Have Met to Worship*** No. 277

*Responsive Reading Laura Chapman

Leader: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.

People: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.

Leader: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

People: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.

Leader: By our presence here, we are saying that we want to choose life one more time.

People: Like the thief hanging at Jesus' side, we confess our desire to be with Jesus.

All: Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place!

*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

Children's Message

Michael E. Karunas

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***Jesus, Remember Me*** No. 569

Pastoral Prayer Tina Miller

Prayer Response ***Jesus, Remember Me*** No. 569
(If you want someone to pray with you after this service, please meet an Elder in the church gallery just to your right as you leave the sanctuary)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory 8:00 ***How Can I Keep from Singing***
Dee Dee Gain
10:30 ***Jesus Loves Me*** Michael Hassell
Family Group (see About Today's Music)

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION

Anthem ***Can't Carry These Burdens Alone*** Michael Barrett
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading ***Luke 23:39-43***
(pg. 89 N.T.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Faces at the Cross: Two Criminals***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** No. 425
(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.)

Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
- 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulk, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

Ushers:

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Bob & Karen Keller
- 10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Mark Kincaid, Susan Bryant

Greeters:

- 8:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs
- 10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford, Laura Sperry

Acolytes:

- 8:00 - *Open*
- 10:30 - Amilia Bradford, Josie Morelli

P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Donna Dash
- 10:30 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Christine Lyman-Harm, Larry & Michele Bafford, Janelle Beedle

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-McLesson, McDonald's
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

Monday (19)

Tuesday (20)

- 6:00-Election Voting, Great Hall
- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 8:00-Stitchers Retreat, 207 & DR
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 11:15-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 11:45-Preschool Staff Meeting
- 1:00-Don's Small Group, 240
- 2:00-Inventory Meeting, CC
- 4:00-Scott's Small Group, CC
- 5:30-Shepherding Meeting, Conf. Room
- 6:30-Dorcas, Disciples' Room
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Rm & CC

Wednesday (21)

- 9:00-Preschool 3's Easter Party
- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, FC
- 10:30-Minister's Meeting
- 1:00-Artwork Committee Mtg, CC
- 5:30-Council Business Meeting, DR
- 6:30-Criminal Justice, 207

Thursday (22)

- 9:00-Preschool 2's & 4's Easter Parties
- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:30-St. Mary's Widow Support, Whit's End
- 11:45-CINC, Disciples' Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:30-Tina's Small Group, 240
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (23)

- 9:00-Pre-K Easter Party

Saturday (24)

- 8:30-Wedding Workshop, CC

Sunday (25)

PALM SUNDAY!

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 4:00-YG Outing, Blue Mound Recreational Center

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ruth Oliver from Ron & Mary Jane Oliver.

THE ROSE AND CRADLE CROSS ON THE LORD'S TABLE THIS MORNING celebrate the March 13th birth of Arya Elizabeth Clark to Matt & Debra Clark. Proud grandparents are Andy & Theresa Fulk.

Scholarship Applications

Higher education is important and valuable in today's society. A college education opens possibilities and helps students discover and foster unique gifts and talents. It also demonstrates a person's willingness to make an investment in his/her own future!

Central Christian Church supports those pursuing higher education and we understand the challenges of meeting its cost. Scholarships are open to all high school graduates as well as anyone who is currently attending a college, university, technical and vocational, or planning to attend one during the 2018-2019 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES:

Available: March 26, 2018

Deadline: May 4, 2018 @ 3 pm

DORCAS WOMEN ARE READY FOR SPRING!

ALL Central women are invited to Dorcas Disciples' Tuesday, March 20th meeting. It will be in the Disciples Room at 6:30 p.m. We are happy to have Amy Zietlow present our program. Based on her book, Homeward Bound, Amy will share with us how the "church" can support caregivers and their aging/ill loved ones. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 877-2495 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make your reservation for our March 20th meeting.

Easter Lilies on Sale

The Worship Department is selling lilies again this year for Easter decorating in the sanctuary. You may purchase a lily for **\$14.50** in memory of a loved one who has died or to honor the life of one who is still living. Lilies are on sale in the Friendship Center on Sunday, **March 18th** or in the office through Monday, **March 26th**. Just be sure to let us know the name of the person you are honoring. You will then be welcome to take the lily after the 10:30 Easter Sunday service or you can pick them up through Wednesday, April 4th. Please note that the church and office will be closed on Monday, April 2nd.



About Today's Music

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

Words: Anna B. Warner Music: William Bradbury Arrangement: Michael Hassell

Family Group

Suzie, Kim, Audrey Miller; Claudia Quigg, Betsy, Jane Osman;
Shirley, Matthew (saxophone), Peyton Swarhout;
Michael & Isabella Karunas; Tami, Luc Longcor

Anthem

Can't Carry These Burdens Alone

Words: John Parker

Music: Michael Barrett

Soon I will be done with the troubles of the world,
gonna lay these burdens down.

I've been a-walkin' this road awhile, can't carry these burdens alone.
I'm tryin' stay the course for just a few more miles,
can't carry these burdens alone.

If the Lord wasn't with me to hold my hand,

I know the ground below me would be sinkin' sand.

Together we can make it to the Promised Land. Can't carry these burdens alone.

See the sinner scheming to cheat and lie, can't carry these burdens alone.
Lynin' to the neighbor with a wink of the eye, can't carry these burdens alone.

If you treat every neighbor with love and care

and cover them with kindness when they're in despair,

You'll always have a friend when life is too hard to bear.

Can't carry these burdens alone

Everyone need help now and then, from a faithful sister or a brother.
Reach out and take their hand. March together to the Promised Land.

When you get discouraged and your heart is afraid,
you can't carry these burdens alone.

Turn your heart to heaven, lift your hands and pray
and don't carry these burdens alone.

When you're walkin' all alone on the road of life and you need a friend to help
you, just to be a guide. Have faith for God is always walking right by your side.

Don't carry these burdens alone.

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