



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

**Royal Fanfare**

Arthur Bliss

Dee Dee Gain, organ

Prelude

Introit

\*The Processional

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

No. 192

\*Responsive Reading

Betty Scott

Leader: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: We follow Jesus through the city streets with great anticipation, yet wary of what's to come.

**People: May God lead us through the events of this Holy Week that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives.**

Leader: When the waving stops, may we be attentive to all who suffer on their own way of the cross.

**People: We have entered into the sanctuary with great jubilation yet mindful this journey is the way to the cross.**

**All: In gratitude we seek God's love and grace.**

\*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

Tina Miller

**PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn

**In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

No. 638

Pastoral Prayer

Michael E. Karunas

Prayer Response

*(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

**Serenade**

C.M. Widor

Dee Dee Gain, organ

10:30

**Lift Thine Eyes**

Felix Mendelssohn

Women's Chorus

\*Doxology

No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

**PROCLAMATION**

Anthem

**Nearer My God to Thee**

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Kathy Crouch, cello

Scripture Reading

**Mark 15: 40-47**

(pg. 54 N.T.)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Faces at the Cross: Many Women**

**RESPONSE**

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Communion

**Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**

No. 490

(vs. 1,2,3,4)

*(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.)*

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, March 25, 2018

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall
- 10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Zach Martin, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Munos, Luc Longcor, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum, Dave Sheffer

### Ushers:

- 8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Betty Scott, Bruce Campbell
- 10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

### Greeters:

- 8:00 - Ken & Julie Jacoby, Ed & Joy Adams
- 10:30 - Larry & Debbie Foster

### Acolytes:

- 8:00 - Open
- 10:30 - Audrey Miller, Jordyn Keck

### P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Greg Carter
- 10:30 - Mike Kirby

### Preparation of Communion:

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

<b>Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Room</b>
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

### Marguerite Karl Memorial Service

Monday, March 26 at 11:00 am at Brintlinger & Earl Funeral Home  
2827 N. Oakland, Decatur, IL

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of the donor's choice or an act of kindness toward someone in Marguerite's memory.

### Sunday, March 25, 2018

#### **PALM SUNDAY!**

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 1:30-Mission Trip Meeting, Connection Café
- 2:30-Youth Group Outing, Blue Mound Recreation Center

#### **Monday (26)**

- 12:00-IPA, Disciples' Room
- 5:00-Veterans, Great Hall
- 5:15-PSC Meeting, Conference Room

#### **Tuesday (27)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 12:00-Millikin Choirs Setup & Rehearsal
- 1:00-Don's Small Group, 240
- 4:00-Scott's Small Group, Connection Café
- 5:30-Concert Series Meeting, Disciples' Room
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & Connection Café
- 7:30-Millikin Music for Holy Week Concert

#### **Wednesday (28)**

- 5:30-Directory Meeting, Connection Café

#### **Thursday (29)**

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:30-Tina's Small Group, 240
- 6:30-Maundy Thursday Service, Great Hall
- 7:30-Chancel & Brass Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday (30)**

#### **Saturday (31)**

- 10:00-Easter Decorating, Disciples' Room
- 1:00-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal, Great Hall
- 1:00-Easter Decorating, Great Hall

#### **Sunday (1)**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY!**

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30-Worship Service

*Don't forget to order your Easter Lilies today in the  
Friendship Center, \$14.50 each.*

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### **Financial Peace University**

The Stewardship Department is sponsoring **Financial Peace University** at Central Christian. FPU is based on Dave Ramsey's personal money management values. FPU at Central will be led by **Gerri Munos**, who is a graduate of the class. The first FPU class at Central will be held on **Mondays** from **6:00 p.m.** to **7:30 p.m.** beginning on **April 9** and concluding **June 11**. The class is open to all and there is a **cost of \$110** (for either a single or a couple). The cost is purely for the materials offered by FPU and well worth the investment. If you are interested in: a) registering for the class, call the church office (428-4336) and reserve your place; b) learning more about FPU, contact Gerri Munos ([munos5@comcast.net](mailto:munos5@comcast.net)) or ([mkarunas@cccdisciples.org](mailto:mkarunas@cccdisciples.org)).

- *Nearly 5 Million people have taken an FPU course*
- *81% of couples do a monthly zero-based budget after taking FPU*
- *89% of FPU participants have at least a \$1000 emergency fund within 10 weeks*

### **Easter Offering 2018: Overflowing!**

The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus Christ! God walked among us in Jesus, and continues to pour himself out to us in unbounded treasures. Our response to this loving God can only be compassion, joy, faith, gratitude and love.

The Easter offering supports Disciples ministries that overflow "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." Our efforts throughout the world are to bring the mercy of Christ to those who suffer. Please consider prayerfully your gift to this year's Easter Offering to be received March 25 and April 1.

### **Food Collection**

The food collection for April 1st is cereal and canned soup again. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Donations will be delivered to the Northeast Community Fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

March 29, 6:30 p.m. — Great Hall

Experience the reenactment of the Lord's Supper around a large table. You will be given communion, have an opportunity to sing hymns and walk with Jesus through the evening of prayer and arrest.

## **About Today's Music**

Offertory      ***Lift Thine Eyes*** (from "Elijah")  
Words: Psalm 121:1-3  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved:  
Thy keeper will never slumber.  
Lift thine eyes to the mountains.

Anthem      ***Nearer, My God to Thee***  
Words: Sarah F. Adams; Edward H. Bickersteth Jr.  
Music: Lowell Mason  
Arrangement: Dan Forrest

Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.  
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee.  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Oh let the way appear, leading to heaven.  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given.  
Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee.  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest.  
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.  
Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!  
Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.  
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### **Elderberries Celebrate Spring**

Come celebrate with us the start of spring in the Great Hall  
on Wednesday, **April 11**.  
Program at 11:30; Lunch at noon.

Our meal will be chicken salad, croissant, Jell-O salad, fresh fruit, muffin, and dessert (all of this for only \$5). Don't forget to sign up on the pew pad on Sunday or call the church office by Monday, April 9.