

## RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Communion

***Jacob's Ladder***

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*(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.)*

Elder's Meditation

Elder Shirley Swarhout

Words of Institution

Tina Miller

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

***I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1, 3)***

No. 480

Postlude

***Voluntary in C***

J. S. Bach

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

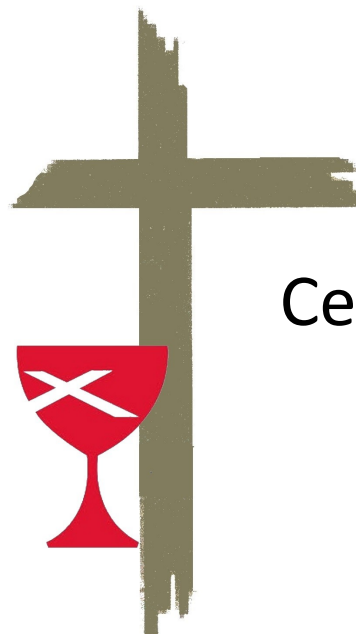
*\*All who are able, please stand*

***If you miss a Sunday or want to watch worship videos again:***

**Go To:**

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/sermons/> - Sermons

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/childrens-messages/> - Children's Messages



# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

[www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)

***Sunday, November 12, 2017***

**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**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude ***Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*** J. S. Bach  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

\*The Processional ***God Is Here*** No. 280

\*Responsive Reading Andy Fulk

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

P: **Even before a word is on my tongue you know it completely.**

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: **Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

L: If I ascend to the heavens or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall guide me.

P: **Even there your right hand shall hold me fast.**

\*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 ***Blessed Assurance*** No. 543

Pastoral Prayer Don Martin

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 ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** arr. Mark Hayes  
Sarah Rohrscheib, soprano

\*Doxology No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

**PROCLAMATION**

Anthem 10:30 ***Celtic Laud*** Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir; Larry Wade, flute

Reading ***Welcoming Angels*** Rev. Rebecca Anderson

Scripture Reading ***Genesis 28:10-22***  
(pg. 25 O.T.)

Sermon ***The Sacred Nature of our Stories***

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, November 12, 2017

**Deacons:**

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Laura Chapman, Merle Chapman, Debbie Hoffert, Karma Carpenter, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar
- 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, Kim Maple

**Ushers:**

- 8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar
- 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Doug Soebbing

**Greeters:**

- 8:00 - Bob & Carol Bischoff
- 10:30 - Jean Voice, David Ash

**Acolytes:**

- 8:00 - Haley Hanson, Isaac Hanson
- 10:30 - Audrey Miller, Gabbi Morelli

**P.A. Operator:**

- 8:00 - Greg Carter
- 10:30 - Keith Backes

**Preparation of Communion:**

Ann Harshman, David & Cheryl Zollinger, Yvonne Purcell

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

- 8:00 & 10:30-Worship Services  
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
9:15-Sunday School  
4:00-Youth Outing, NECF  
4:00-K-5 Youth Thanksgiving Party  
6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

**Monday (13)**

- 9:00-Good Sam  
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera  
5:15-VP Meeting, Conference Room  
5:15-PSC, 240

**Tuesday (14)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café  
7:45-Millikin Class, 240  
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207  
5:30-Dorcas Soup Sharing, GH & Kit  
5:30-Spanish Class, 240  
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera  
6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & CC

**Wednesday (15)**

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, F.C.  
10:30-Minister's Meeting  
5:30-Budget Council Meeting, DR  
6:30-Criminal Justice, 207

**Thursday (16)**

- 8:30-PS—Thanksgiving Feast, 260  
10:00-Alanon, 240  
11:30-Widow Support, Claire's  
5:30-Spanish Class, 240  
5:30-Cont. Worship Rehearsal, G.H.  
6:00-Brass Choir, DR  
7:00-Chancel Choir

**Friday (17)**

- 5:30-Bus Departure for Summit

**Saturday (18)**

- 10:00-Media Shout Training, GH,  
Sound Room, Stage

**Sunday (19)**

- 8:00 & 10:30-Worship Services  
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
9:15-Sunday School  
12:30-Thanksgiving Luncheon, GH  
6:30-Decatur Youth Symphony  
Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Fellowship department would like to invite everyone to the annual "Thanksgiving Luncheon" on November 19 immediately following the 10:30 service. Fellowship will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes and rolls. We are asking those who attend to bring a side dish to share. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a dessert. If your last name starts with N-Z, please bring a side dish. Please put your name on the pew pad noting "Thanksgiving" and the number that will attend or call the church office for reservations.

### Thanksgiving Offering to be received November 12 and 19

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is proud to support 17 institutions of higher education across the United States, providing excellent academic learning infused by the values of our Christian heritage. Young people who belong to Disciples churches are provided partial scholarships to attend these schools, funded by our church. Please consider making a gift to our Thanksgiving offering to support these fine colleges, universities and seminaries.

### Wanna Play a Game?

On November 12, stop by the World Outreach table in the Friendship Area and try your hand at playing a game of "Disciples College Mascots!" How many do you know?

### Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club will meet at Panera on:  
Mon, Nov. 13 - 12:30 pm & Tues, Nov. 14 - 5:30 pm  
This Month's Read is **Small Great things** by *Jodi Picoult*.

### A Service of Remembrance

Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home will conduct its "Service of Remembrance" for those families who, during the holidays, may have difficulties coping with the loss of a loved one.

*4:00 PM Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the funeral home: 2827 N. Oakland Ave*

### Operation Enduring Support

A Military Organization in Decatur is requesting names of persons serving overseas. If you have any family members or know of anyone serving, we would like to send them a box of supplies for Christmas. We will need to have their address by Thanksgiving and will package the boxes on December 4th. Please contact Carol Bischoff at 877-8965 or 620-8696.

## About Today's Music

Anthem ***Celtic Laud***

Words: Pamela Martin

Music: Craig Courtney

For the fruit of the vine, for the harvest of wheat,  
for bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,  
for coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,  
for every new birth, for grace and for life,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

Communion Hymn **Jacob's Ladder**

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
Bearers of the Cross.

Ev'ry round goes higher, higher  
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher  
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher  
Bearers of the Cross.

Rise, shine, give God glory  
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