

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion ***This Is a Day of New Beginnings*** No. 518

(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 Mary Jane Oliver

Words of Institution

Don Martin

Prayer of Consecration

Elder Dick Cain

(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 ***All My Hope on God Is Founded (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 88

Postlude

Jupiter's Theme

Gustav Holst

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

**All who are able, please stand*

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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

Sunday, October 29, 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-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude **Largo** G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** No. 65

*Responsive Reading Glen Featherstun

Leader: The unity of the church is a gift of God in Christ Jesus.

People: We strive to make unity visible in the world.

Leader: The people of God are diverse in many ways.

People: We belong to one another even in our diversity.

Leader: The people of God are one because we are all created in the image of God.

People: We symbolize this oneness by our baptism into the one body of Christ.

Leader: Christ is one and undivided.

People: God is our fortress and our strength unailing.

All: God's reign endures forever. Alleluia!

*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 **From Heaven Above (vs. 1, 2, 3)** No. 146

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 **Old Time Religion/Swing Low** arr. Mark Hayes
Larry Wade, piano

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION

Anthem 10:30 **City Called Heaven** arr. Josephine Poelinitz
Chancel Choir; Karen Driver, soprano

Scripture Reading **Romans 1:16-17**
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One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **A Mighty Fortress**

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, October 29, 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 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Greg & Jo Carter
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt. Mark Kincaid, Bill & Joyce Hawks

Greeters:

- 8:00 - Norm & Darla Lienemann
10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

Acolytes:

- 8:00 - *Open*
10:30 - Sha'Ron Browning, Peyton Swarthout

P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Jim Bednar
10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Hazel Perry, Kim Miller, Julie Martin, Linda Shambaugh

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 29, 2017

- 8:00 & 10:30-Worship Services
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:15-Sunday School

Monday (30)

- 9:00-All Saints Setup, Sanctuary
5:00-Veterans, Great Hall

Tuesday (31)

- 7:00-Journeyman, Connection Café
7:45-Millikin Class, 240
8:00-PS—Halloween Parties, Great Hall & Connection Café
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

Wednesday (November 1)

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Minister's Meeting
2:30-Prayer Shawl Meeting, Disciples Room

Thursday (2)

- 10:00-Alanon, 240
11:45-HSAC, Disciples Room
5:30-Spanish Class, 240
5:30-Cont. Worship Rehearsal, G.H.
6:00-Brass Choir, DR
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Sunday (5)

- 8:00 & 10:30-Worship Services
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:15-Sunday School
4:00-Rebetiki Istoria Traditional Greek Music Concert

All Saints Day Observed on November 5

On **Sunday November 6**, we will hold our annual All Saints Day observation. At the end of the sermon at both the **8:00 and 10:30** services, we will read the names of all our church members who have passed away in the last year. We will play a single chime and light a candle for each one's memory. Then... as has been our tradition in recent years, everyone will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a lost loved one they are grieving. *At our 9:00 a.m. praise service, we will not read the names of those church members who have died in the last year, but we will invite worshippers to light candles for lost loved ones.* This candle-lighting service has proven to be an important service in the life of our congregation and hope you can be part of it.

Storytelling Night at Central!

Rev. Rebecca Anderson, a former stand-up comic, long-time storyteller, Disciples of Christ pastor, and founder of Gilead Church in Chicago will hold a storytelling workshop on Thursday November 9 at Central. Anyone interested can attend. Rebecca will cover what storytelling is all about and help participants begin thinking about how to tell a story that is important to them in a workshop held on **Thursday, November 9 from 6-8 p.m.** Some, or perhaps all, of them will perform on **Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.** when we will host a **Storytelling Night** in the Great Hall.

FOOD COLLECTION

Northeast Community Fund is gearing up for Thanksgiving! They have requested that we donate bagged or boxed stuffing mix and bagged egg noodles. We will collect these items for our November 5th collection. Of course, cereal is always an appropriate donation. As always thank you for your generous giving.

Elderberries for Holiday Meal

Come celebrate with us a combined meal to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas held in the Great Hall on Wednesday, **November 8th at noon.** Our meal will be ham loaf, candied sweet potato, creamed mixed vegetables, pretzel salad, roll and peppermint ice cream (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, October 9th.

All Central Women are Invited!

Join Dorcas Ladies on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall to hear "Summer 2017 Youth Trip Highlights" and details about our annual "Soup-Sharing". Following our meeting, stay for fellowship and food! Help us plan for enough Subway sandwiches by making reservations with Nancy Ellen Taylor by Friday, November 10th at 620-5639 or xstr@sbcglobal.com. If you need more information about Dorcas' mission-based focus, please contact Sandy Garver at revrag@comcast.net or 877-0800.

About Today's Music

The hymns this morning are strongly associated with Martin Luther. In 1517, Luther posted a compilation of criticisms of certain practices of the Roman Catholic Church he did not believe were supported by scripture. When he refused to withdraw these "95 theses", he was excommunicated and condemned to death as a heretic. His life was spared when Prince Frederick the Wise arranged for Luther to be kidnapped and taken to safety in the Prince's fortified castle. According to tradition, it is there that he wrote the masterful hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Note the imagery that reflects his surroundings and his present situation in life. Beyond all that he is faithful to his belief in God forever.

"From Heaven Above" is a Christmas hymn that Luther wrote for use with his own family on Christmas Eve. The original had fifteen stanzas and was divided between soloist and the children.

The hymn "All My Hope in God is Founded", although written a hundred years after Luther, has strong resemblance to his teaching. God's strength and faithfulness is to be trusted above the earthly structures we might build for ourselves.

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" reminds us that, even though the past is good for instruction in God's love and design for the human experience, the gospel story is ever new. We live out the gospel in ever changing scenarios, but we are continually drawn to the table where God's love is always present and available for us.

Anthem ***City Called Heaven***

Words and Music: African American Traditional

Arrangement: Josephine Poelinitz

Choir

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone.
Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
Trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Solo

Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn
Oh I heard of a city of a city called heaven
I'm trying to make it make heaven my home.