



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday morning

What to expect when church returns to the building

- * Pews will be marked off to create appropriate social distancing. You **may not be able to sit in your favorite seat** for awhile. Please sit with your household.
- * **Pew Bibles and hymnals will be removed.** Words for special music and Scriptures will be on the screens. You are welcome to bring your own Bible.
- * **We will not be singing together.** Our Music Department is working on creative means of including some live music in morning worship services.
- * Glove-wearing ushers will assist with seating, from entering the building to exiting the sanctuary. Please stay seated until you are dismissed.
- * **Please plan on wearing a mask**, at least for the first few weeks. Disposable masks will be available in the lobby; congregants are invited to bring their own reusable masks.
- * Hand-sanitizer will be available around the building; please plan on using it often.
- * **Pre-packaged communion** elements will be available to pick-up before entering the sanctuary.
- * Collection plates will be placed near entrances and exits.
- * **Child care will not be available**; the nursery will be open for diaper changes.
- * Water fountains will be out of service. Small bottles of water will be available.
- * The minister will be at the **bottom of the ramp** in McGinnis Fellowship Hall after the service. Please pay attention to the markings indicating 6 feet of distance.
- * The sound booth will be limited to one member of the youth group and one member of church staff.
- * We will **not have Fellowship time or Sunday School** after the service, for now.
- * The pew blankets have all been cleaned and individually bagged, and will be available at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you use one, please leave in the pew at the end of the service so it can be collected and washed.
- * **At all times we will be practicing appropriate social distancing.**

Congregational Concerns

Chrystal Melton	Paul Martin	Regina Maness, mother of Marilyn Ferguson	Vicky Claborn		
Dan Hicks	Beth Taylor	Peter Nozza	Ginger Williamson	Linda McCoy	Retha McDowell
Ann Simon	James Willingham	Greg & Paula Walton	Marilyn Elsass	Jaden Willingham	
Vicky Turner	Karen Sunderwirth	Traci Vargas & children	Shirley Cobb	Mary Pering	
Janice McGee	Evelyn Looney	Debra Gleghorn	John Thurman	Victoria McIlwain	
Rosa Lee Butts	Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs	Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield			
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Barb Rossetter	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier			
Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth	Lisa Lynch	Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray			

(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)



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'We need to be the Church we say we are'

"I consider the sufferings of this present time not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God."
Romans 8:18 – 19 (NRSV)

Dear beloved Disciples,

We are hurting.

We are haunted and outraged by the anguished cries of George Floyd, the gasp of "I can't breathe" as a police officer knelt on his neck until the breath was completely taken from him. Floyd's murder, like that of Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery in recent weeks, is just the latest in a long history of violence against Black and Brown people in our country. The protests that are happening in big cities and small towns across the nation are an outpouring of grief and anger born of centuries of pain and injustice.

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we condemn this injustice. We weep not only for George Floyd, but for the entire system of oppression that has kept us from seeing each other as beloved children of God. Racism and the denial of human dignity is counter to the call of Jesus Christ. Racism is a sin that breaks the heart of God.

Disciples, we call ourselves a Pro-Reconciling, Anti-Racist church. We have named it as a mission priority, and we have worked hard – though often imperfectly – to live

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that out in every expression of our ministry. In this moment, when protests rage and our hearts are broken again and again, we need to be the church we say we are.

We know that this moment calls for more than statements and prayers. In this moment, God is calling us to act. We invite you to accept this call to action in one or more of these ways:

1. **Add your name to this statement** affirming your commitment to Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racism as a mission priority of our church.

<https://disciples.org/congregations/we-need-to-be-the-church-we-say-we-are/>

2. **Educate yourself** about the history of systemic racism in this country and the ways racial injustice impacts every bit of our life together, from education and health care to jails and courtrooms and financial institutions. There are many good resources for learning; we've consolidated some of them at

<https://disciples.org/resources/justice/acts-of-reconciliation/> and will keep this page updated regularly.

3. Sign up to participate in the **Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington: A Digital Justice Gathering** on June 20, 2020. This event is part of an effort that seeks to address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism and poverty, and Disciples have been key leaders in this movement.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/rsvp-for-june-20-2020-mass-poor-peoples-assembly-moral-march-on-washington?source=disciples>

4. Join in town hall discussions hosted by Disciples leaders about how the church can do more to help dismantle systems of racism. These virtual gatherings will be held later this summer; be sure to sign up for **Disciples News Service email updates** for more information. <https://disciples.org/dns/subscribe-to-dns/>

5. Get to work in your own community or church. Each context is different, so work where you are and with what you have. We want to hear from you about what you're doing. Send a photo, video, or short paragraph describing what you're doing to news@disciples.org, or tag us on social media (Facebook and Instagram: [@christianchurchdoc](#); Twitter: [@DisciplesNews](#)) with [#ccd](#). We'll share those stories at <https://disciples.org/general/disciples-have-a-presence-in-public-forums/> so we can support and inspire one another in this hard, holy calling.

Something is happening right now, Church, and the Spirit of God is moving in it. May we be bold enough to join the work.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President

Rev. April Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation

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**Sunday Mornings
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Fellowship
11 am Sunday School**

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Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
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Vicky Claborn, Organist
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Krista Watkins, Office Administrator
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