



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

April 3, 2022

“Value and Worth”

John 12:1-8

April 10, 2022—Palm Sunday

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

Choir Cantata

The Mid-Town Concert Series
a ministry of Central Christian Church
 presents
 KRISTINE HARRIS, *trumpet*
 MELINDA SMASHEY JONES, *piano*
 Sunday, April 3, 2022 • 3:00 p.m.



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THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS
 THÉODORE DOUBOIS'
The Seven Last Words of Christ
 Sunday, April 10, 2022 • 9:30 AM



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Please join us for Lent and Easter services, as you are able

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church. — by Michael Carl, shared from Facebook

Livestream has been a wonderful tool to keep us connected during the pandemic, sharing in worship through technology. That tool will continue to serve folks who need to join us remotely. We encourage you to join us in person, if possible, as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Dates to remember

April 10—Palm Sunday Cantata, 9:30 a.m., “The Seven Last Words of Christ” featuring the Central Christian Chancel Choir

April 15—Good Friday combined service, 7:00 p.m., featuring songs and scriptures presented by members of Springfield Disciples of Christ congregations

April 17—Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m., which will include a baptism, a baby dedication, the return of the Children’s Moment, options for “live” communion, and an Easter egg hunt following the service.

Scholarship Time—DEADLINE NOW

Any student who has finished high school, or is a senior in high school who will graduate in the spring of 2022, and is planning to continue their education may apply. Two letters of recommendation are required, as well as proof of enrollment or acceptance in a college/university, or trade school. If you have received one scholarship, you may apply one additional year. We are proud of our students and wish to encourage them in their educational pursuits. A student need not be a member of Central, but should have close ties to the church. Applications are available through the church office. **The deadline is April 1.**

Congregational Concerns

Debbie Lee	Wayne Riddle, brother of Lynda McCoy	Steve Vestal	Wilma Frazier
Ginger Williamson	Greg & Paula Walton	Fred & Norma Spence	Rex Biggs
John & Kitty Manary	Greg & Teresa Turso	Gary Wright	Lisa Lynch
Winnie Young	Linda McCoy	Robert & Beth Taylor	William Francis
Dan Hicks	Evelyn Looney	Don Nix	Frank & Pat Dodd
Shirley Potter	Glendon Walker	John Thurman	Dana Powell
James Willingham	Lorene Murray	Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn
Victoria McIlwain	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray	
	Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin	Traci Vargas & children	Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth
	Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Barb Rossetter	Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs

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

OFH Lent Fish Drive

Ozarks Food Harvest is our Mission Spotlight organization for March. We have begun the Lent Fish Drive, which will run through April 24. The **Lent Fish Drive** emphasizes the need for shelf-stable, high-protein food items among people who are food insecure. If you would like to donate, you can do so on our website under the Online Giving tab or you may donate through the church office. Collection barrels for shelf-stable foods are in the church lobby. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the support you will be giving this year.

**Livestream our Sunday morning
service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
Connect with us on social media:**



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**FINANCIALS &
ATTENDANCE**

3/20/2022
General Fund
Contributions: \$3,734.25
Attendance: 94
Online service views: 33*

3/27/2022
General Fund
Contributions: \$2,629.94
Attendance: 85
Online service views: 13*

*At the time of publication

Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
April 3	Marilynn West	Cheryl Horton	Carma Weinman	Everett & Carolyn Deeds
April 10	Mark Bowdidge	Shirley Musser	Kay Parrish	Mike & Carma Weinman
April 17	Jim Ferguson	Bob Thurman	Carolyn Deeds	Fischers/Zweerinks
April 24	Phil Brown	Bill Fischer	Carol Pyles	Darrell & Linda Zweerink
May 1	Gwen Thomas	Luther Young	Linda Zweerink	

Thoughts from the congregation

Follow Me

On Air Force bases when an aircraft lands and turns off the active runway there is a vehicle with a large black and yellow sign saying “FOLLOW ME” waiting to escort the plane to its appointed parking spot.

We Christians have a very special “Follow Me” vehicle to guide us through our lives to our appointed spot within the Kingdom of God. This very special vehicle is the New Testament. Specifically the words and teachings of Christ Jesus.

As heart patients Winnie and I attend Hammons Heart Institute twice weekly to exercise. Currently my cardio workout consists of 20 minutes on either the treadmill or elliptical. What does that have to do with follow me? Music is played as background while we exercise. The other day the song “I Will Follow Him” by Peggy March was played. “Little” Peggy March recorded this song in 1963 at age 15. My mind thought of “him” as Jesus. I know, some of you will think that’s strange. I have been told my mind sometime runs in mysterious ways at times.

I remembered the hymn “Where He Leads Me.” The first verse goes, ***“I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, Take my cross and follow, follow me.”*** The chorus is, ***“Where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.”*** There’s an older similar hymn entitled, “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.” Its first verse says, ***“Take up thy cross and follow Me, I heard my Master say; ‘I gave My life to ransom thee, surrender your all today.’”*** This song’s chorus goes like this, ***“Wherever He leads I’ll go, Wherever He leads I’ll go, I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so, Wherever He leads I’ll go.”***

While reading the words of the verses and choruses of these hymns, I wondered, “Would I follow Him?” Would I follow Him wherever He would go? I remembered the words of Jesus to his disciples quoted in the Gospel of Matthew, ***“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.’”*** (Matt 16:24, NASB) In the Gospel of John it is recorded Jesus saying, ***“If anyone serves Me, He must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”*** (John 12:26, NASB) I also remembered Jesus’ words to the young ruler who had asked what he must do to gain eternal life. Jesus said to him, ***“If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”*** (Matt 19:21, NASB)

After that, I questioned myself. Would I really follow Him? Or would I be like the rich young ruler and sadly go away?

According to the dictionary, the word “disciple” means, “A pupil, follower, or adherent of any teacher or school of religion.” As Disciples of Christ, we claim to be followers of Christ, adhering to His teachings in the New Testament. Disciple and discipline come from the same root word *disciplina* (L). I’ve found it takes discipline to be a disciple of Christ, to follow Him.

————— Luther Young

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Return Service Requested

Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

**9:30 am Worship, in person
and via our Livestream**

10:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Sunday School

Ministry Team

**Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Music Director
Vicky Claborn, Organist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children's Director
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker**

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