



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Volume 61, Issue 8

April 12, 2022

**Sermon Title and Scriptures**

**April 17, 2022—EASTER**

*“We Are Witnesses”*

**Luke 24:1-12, Acts 10:34-43**

**Sermon Title and Scripture**

**April 24, 2022**

*“Our Turn”*

**Luke 24:36-49**

**Good Friday Service**  
**April 15, 2022**  
**7:00pm**  
*A Service of*  
**Scripture and Song**

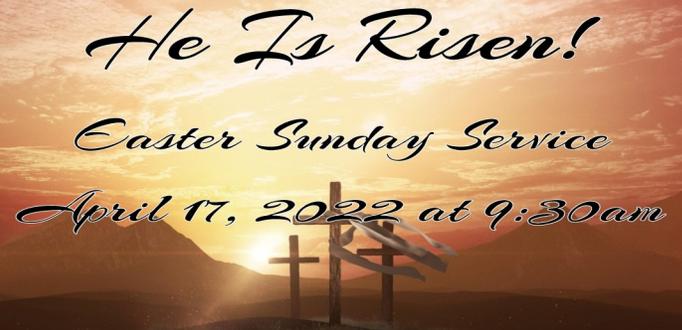


Central Christian Church  
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Central Christian Church Sanctuary

*He Is Risen!*

*Easter Sunday Service*  
**April 17, 2022 at 9:30am**



**Changes to Communion, starting Sunday**

We will be passing trays during communion, starting on Easter Sunday. You will not need to pick up emblems on your way in to the sanctuary. Pre-sealed communion will be available for those who prefer, and can be picked up by the doors before morning worship.

**April Mission Spotlight**

Our April Mission Spotlight is Disciples Mission Fund. The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 10 & 17, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

NOTE: We will continue to collect shelf-stable, high-protein food items and financial contributions for Ozarks Food Harvest's Lent Fish Drive, through April 24.

*Thank You!*



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Greg seems to be a little better. He can't wait to come back. Just didn't want you all you to forget us. See you soon.

*Terri and Greg Tursso*

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recovery from surgery. I especially want to thank Shirley Musser for visiting and bringing communion.

*Ginger Williamson*



**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS**

**Ray and Sharon Lowry**  
 who joined the congregation on Sunday, April 3, by transfer. We are so blessed to have them as a part of our church family.

If you see them, introduce yourselves and give them a warm welcome.

### 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	Winnie Young
Greg & Teresa Turso	Gary Wright	Lisa Lynch	Dan Hicks	Norma Knight
Robert & Beth Taylor	William Francis	Shirley Potter	Betty Jo Gardner	Evelyn Looney
Frank & Pat Dodd	Nan Olmsted	Paul & Sharon Martin	Hattie Penland	Glendon Walker
John Thurman	Dana Powell	Karen Hahn	James Willingham	Diana Griger
Lorene Murray	Vicky Claborn	Debra Gleghorn	Jaden Willingham	Victoria McIlwain
Karen Sunderwirth	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)*

### Camp Registration Now Available

The church camp season is right around the corner. Options exist for students from pre-school through those who have just completed grade 12. Scholarships are available. Please contact the church office for more information.

**Livestream our Sunday morning  
service—starting at 9:30—at  
[www.centralchristianspringfield.org](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org).  
Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at  
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### FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

4/3/2022  
General Fund  
Contributions: \$5,139  
Attendance: 80  
Online service views: 28\*

4/10/2022  
General Fund  
Contributions: \$6,515  
Attendance: 104  
Online service views: 21\*

\*At the time of publication

### Serving Schedule

	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Fellowship Prep</i>
<b>April 17</b>	Jim Ferguson	Bob Thurman	Carolyn Deeds	Fischers/Zweerinks
<b>April 24</b>	Luther Young	Bill Fischer	Carol Pyles	Darrell & Linda Zweerink
<b>May 1</b>	Gwen Thomas	Luther Young	Linda Zweerink	
<b>May 8</b>	Carol Pyles	Carolyn Deeds		
<b>May 15</b>	Joe Pyles	Kay Parrish		
<b>May 22</b>	Everett Deeds	Dorothy Thurman		

MINISTER'S  
*Message*

*“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25 (NRSV)\**

There’s a lot going on in this short passage from Hebrews, and verse 24 in particular. The book of Hebrews was probably written to Hellenized (influenced by Greek culture) Jewish Christians living in Rome, a generation (possibly two) after the earthly ministry of Christ. The author—maybe Paul, maybe Silas, maybe Priscilla, Apollos or Barnabas—is addressing a group that has lost some of its spiritual “oomph,” either through complacency or apprehension. This would’ve been prior to Christians in Rome living under the constant fear of death, but during a time in which their persecution had become more common place.

There’s a little bit of gentle chiding here, nudges of encouragement to persevere, reminders that Christ, the one whose name they claim, promised faithfulness. ‘We say this is the source of our hope and the Source of our hope is unwavering, so let’s not drop the ball now,’ the author seems to be saying in verse 23. The following verses set the course of action— ‘Let’s put our heads together and figure out how to do all the good we can, in all the ways we can, for all the time we can; let’s make spending time together a priority because we’re all better for it.’

I keep coming back to verse 24, because the word “provoke” often has a negative connotation. The Greek word here, *paraxysmon*, can mean “to incite” or “to irritate.” It can also mean “to make sharp” or “to spur on.” In different translations, the verb shows up as “stimulate,” “motivate,” “encourage,” “excite,” “stir up,” “prompt,” and “arouse.” We are called to action, not just for ourselves but through the provocation/incitement/encouragement of others. We are called to show love and to do good work, and we are called to spur on/stimulate/motivate others to do likewise, and to do so from a place of love and righteousness. There’s no finger-pointing here, just a hand extended in friendship that invites our beloveds to action.

Let us dream big dreams together, friends. Let us look for ways to show the lavish and luxurious love of Christ for all people. Let us look for ways to stir up and arouse our best impulses to do Christ’s work on this earth, in our selves and in one another.

*Provocatively,*

*Alyssa*

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**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  
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