

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“God calls Central Christian Church to be a welcoming and open faith community
where Christian love, action and discipleship unite.”*

Vision Statement of Central Christian Church (DOC), Terre Haute, IN

Congregational responses are printed in **bold type**.

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering

“Sing to the Mountains”

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.

Raise your voices, lift your hearts.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let all the earth rejoice!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prelude

“Canticle of the Sun”

Haugen, arr. Tate

*Opening Hymn

“Sacred Creation”

Sa-cred the land, sa - cred the wa - ter, sa-cred the sky,
ho - ly and true. Sa - cred all life,
sa - cred each o - ther; all re-flect God who is good.

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*Opening Prayer

Glorious Creator, we rejoice in every living thing you bring forth and sustain. In this time of worship, expand our compassion for the multitude of your creatures; may we see them not as objects for our use, but as siblings whose existence also sing your never-ending praise. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Good News for the Young Church

*Children, welcome in the name of Jesus.
Children, welcome in the name of love.
All are welcome in the name of Jesus.
All are welcome in the name of love.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

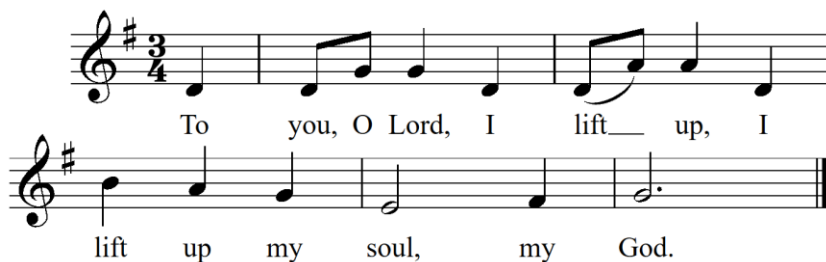
Call to Prayer

“Living Spirit, Holy Fire”

True

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response



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Silent Prayers (2 minutes)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Big Bang

A Reading from Acts

Acts 2:1-4

Anthem

“Sing Out, Earth and Skies”

Haugen

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*Hymn of Invitation

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a
 bright and warm-ing flame, so the Church is meant for
 pil - grims on the way, We are seek - ers; we are
 sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of
 mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. As we
 giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay. By our
 one - ness mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a
 wit - ness to the gos - pel, we would build a bridge of
 gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is
 rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and
 care, join - ing hands a - cross the
 light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
 gone, may our lives re - flect the
 na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
 Spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
 ra - diance of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Affirmation of Faith

**We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Call to Offering

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Bread and Cup

The First Nations Version of the Lord's Prayer

**O Great Spirit from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.**

**Provide for us day by day--
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.**

**Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong
to us.**

**Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from
your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.**

Aho! May it be so!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to share this meal and to serve your neighbors
saying, "This is the Bread of Life...the Cup of Love." Please eat the
bread as it is passed. Hold the cup, if you are able, until we all partake
together. Gluten free bread is available on each tray.*

Communion Music

"Songs of the Spirit"

arr. Tate

Prayer after Communion

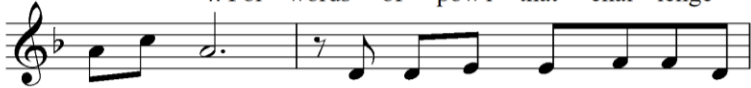
GOING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

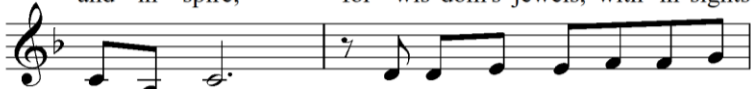
“For Distant Clouds”



1. For dis - tant clouds that drift a -
2. For o - cean cur - rents and cas -
3. For sun - light, crim - son sun - set,
4. For words of pow'r that chal - lenge



cross the sky, for birds that wheel in flight a -
 cad - ing waves; for health and hope your gift of
 blaz - ing noon; for hid - den depths where la - va
 and in - spire; for wis - dom's jewels, with in - sights



bove the trees; for flow - er pet - als, danc - ing
 wa - ter brings; for wa - ter - falls that tum - ble,
 boils and churns; for lamp - light, home - ly, wel - com
 old and new; for kind - ness in a friend's fa -



on the wind; and for your Spir - it's whis - per on the
 rush and splash; and for your Spir - it's nev - er - fail - ing
 ing and warm; and for your Spir - it's flame, the touch that
 mil - iar voice; and for your Spir - it's prompt - ing, strong and



breeze: for ho - ly breath and wa - ter, fire and
 springs:
 burns:
 true:



word, for all that shows your



love we thank you, Lord.

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*Blessing