

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



AUGUST 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EXODUS: THE DRAMA CONTINUES

*"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

“God Welcomes All”

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.

God’s love is strong, and it never ends.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

arr. Hayes

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

“Gather Us In”

No. 284

*Opening Prayer

**God of liberation and new life, we gather in the name of
Christ to offer you our praise and prayers; to share with you
our joys and concerns; and to listen for your hopes and
dreams for us and the world. In this time with you, renew us
with your life-transforming power. 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

“Calm Me, Lord”

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from

The first system of musical notation for 'Calm Me, Lord' is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

harm. Let all the tu - mult with - in me

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

cease; en - fold me, Lord, in your peace.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The treble staff has a melodic line that ends with a double bar line, and the bass staff provides a final accompaniment.

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Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers (2 minutes)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Special Music

“Blessings”
Donna McGee-Johnson

Laura Story

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Rebecca Zelensky

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*Hymn of Invitation

“Spirit”

No. 249
Verses 1, 2, 4

*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 Lord's Prayer *(using sins/sin)*

**Our Creator, 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Billema Kwillia
(Liberia), arr. Carter

Prayer after Communion

GOING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“You Have Called Us”



You have called us by our name. We be - long to you. —



— You have called us by our name and we are yours.



1. You have cho - sen us to be mem - bers of your fam - i -
2. You will lead us to your light, walk be - fore us through the
3. You will hold us when we fall, give new strength to hear your
4. You will nour - ish, you will lead, giv - ing ev - 'ry gift we
5. Through our shar - ing here to - day may our faith and life con -



ly.	In	your	love	you	have	cre -
night.	You	will	guide	us	on	our
call.	You	will	nev -	er	be	be -
need,	for	your	reign	will	be	es -
vey	Christ	our	light	and	Christ	our



at - ed	us	to	live	in	u - ni -	ty.
jour - ney.	You	will	keep	our	vi - sion	bright.
yond us,	for	your	love	is	all	in all.
tab - lished	from the	small - est	of	all	seeds.	
vi - sion,	Christ	our	pur - pose,	Christ	our	way.

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*Blessing

20 years

**Open
and
Affirming
Since
2006**

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