

World Communion Sunday - Order for Combined Service 9:30 a.m.

WE GATHER

GATHERING TIME

Large print hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.

WELCOME

Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD

Karen Renner, Violinist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Leader: We are called into this place,

People: a place to gather in community and love.

Leader: We are called into this body,

People: a body that is Christ's presence here on earth.

Leader: We are called into the Kingdom of God,

People: a kingdom that is here and now.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Forward Through the Ages”

No. 555

* OPENING PRAYER

by Mary Petrina Boyd

Unison

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Pastor

Children are invited to the chancel for this time.

Following it, children through 5th grade may leave for Kid's Club.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 12:1-8

Terri Pennington, Liturgist

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

“All That I Am” - Himes

Chancel Choir

SERMON

“Giving with No Strings Attached”

Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn

“Lead Me Lord” (Repeat)

No. 473

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up to and/or pray at the altar.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Mike Warneke

INVITATION TO SHARE IN COMMITMENT OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON AND PEACE Hymnal pp. 12-13 Responsive

OFFERTORY

“Here I Am Lord” – Arr. Wagner

Organ

(The ushers will collect & present the offering without a Doxology.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING “Service of Word & Table III” - pp. 15-16 Responsive

LORD'S PRAYER *(Join hands in your pew and across the aisles as we pray.)* Unison

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS AND GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion Anthem “Christians Come, Gather at the Table” - Besing/Price Choir
All are invited to bring forward their 2012 commitments of time, talent and treasure as they come to communion and place them in the basket or on the railing. The choir, ushers and servers will be served first. If you can, please come forward and receive communion by intinction today. Beginning at the front, the ushers will direct people to come by way of the side aisles. People in the center sections will take the center aisle back and side aisle forward. Take a piece of bread from the first server, then move to the person with the cup, dip the bread, and commune. Stop at the altar railing for prayer, if you wish, or return directly to your pew by way of a center aisle. Servers will bring the elements to those who wish to remain seated and commune in the pew. Partake as the elements are offered and place the empty cup in the pew holders.

MINUTE MESSAGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Renner and Pastor

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No.451

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon” – Campra

Letta Fraccaro

NEXT SUNDAY: October 9

Casual Service Speaker: Josh Hendrickson

Message: “The Terribly Sad Man” on Jeremiah 29:11

Traditional Service: Scripture: Romans 14:1-10, 13-19 & 15:7, 13

Rev. Easley's Sermon: “Welcoming Each Other Like Christ”

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Streets. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

2011 CHURCH GOAL: Growth in Membership, Discipleship, and Service through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

Central United Methodist Church October 2, 2011



“Giving with No Strings Attached”

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