

**Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

****Call to Worship**

L: Lord, you are our God.

P: **We will praise you with joyful lips.**

L: Lord, you are our Savior.

P: **Our souls thirst for you.**

L: Lord, you are our Redeemer.

P: **We behold your power and majesty. We will bless you all of the days of our lives.**

****Hymn of Praise** "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" (all vs) **450**

Gathering Prayer

L: Merciful God, thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day. Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance.

P: **Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace for all. In Christ's mercy and grace, we pray. Amen**

Hymn "Womb of Life and Source of Being" (all vs) **14**

Special Music "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" Allison Witt, soprano

Scripture Isaiah 55:8-13

Message "The Power of Words" Dr. Christal Williams

Invitation to Discipleship

****Hymn of Discipleship** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (vs 1,3,4) **453**

Prayers of the People

****Please stand in Body and Spirit**

Lord's Prayer (Feel free to pray in whatever form you are most familiar)

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Service of Installation

Offering Meditation

Offertory "Amazing Grace /My Chains are Gone" Leo Sochocki, soloist
****Doxology** Vance Nichols, pianist

Affirmation of Faith and Invitation to the Table Rev. Alicia Burton
(In Unison) As Disciples of Christ we welcome All to God's table of Grace where we are empowered to serve without boundaries.

Hymn of Communion "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" (all vs) **419**

Prayers for the Bread and the Cup
Receiving the Gift of Communion (Please hold bread and cup to partake together)

Words of Institution

****Closing Hymn** "We Are Walking" **442**

Benediction Dr. Christal Williams
Go in peace. Go to serve God and to serve your neighbor. For Jesus Christ is Lord!
Christ is Lord indeed! Amen.

****Postlude**

Today's Schedule

09:30am-10:00am—Choir Rehearsal	We welcome our visitors today! You give us joy by worshiping with us. May your week be full of God's blessings, and please feel free to ask questions.
10:00am-10:45am—Sunday School	
11:00am-12:00am—Worship Service	
12:10pm-01:30pm—Installation Luncheon	

Worship Leader: Glen Mason
Music Leader: Muzetta Miller

Acolyte: Ian Heusser
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FUTURE EVENTS

Aug 27-Elders Meeting-12:10pm
Sept 03-Board Meeting
10-CLC Meeting
17-Dozier Pick Nick 4:00pm

Willow Oak Center for Arts & Learning

Cooking Classes, Painting Parties
Essential Oils, Interior Design

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 20—Amy Morris
24—Haley Murdock
25—Michael Mason
26—Cheryl Dunn

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Mark Dean
Family of Mary Porter Smith

CONTINUED PRAYER

Tom & Doris Beesley	Betsy Felts
Josh Thigpen	Jared Thigpen
Betty Woodard	Clary Riggins
Hugh Akerman	Stanley Brown
Scott Fulbright	Charlotte Bell

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Today's Scripture—Isaiah 55:8-13

(Old Testament, page 673)

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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