



CENTRAL
CHURCH IN THE PARK

8.29.21

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Lane

Call to Worship

Tara DeGroot

One: God's Spirit is upon us.

ALL: Fresh wind, fire in our bellies.

One: Ignite us. Inspire us.

ALL: Convince us. Convict us.

One: Renew us. Embolden us.

ALL: Fill us with your mercy.

One: For we need you, every hour.

Hymn for All "I Need Thee Every Hour"

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

[Refrain]

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.*

[Refrain]

*I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.*

[Refrain]

*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.*

[Refrain]

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.*

[Refrain]

Celebration of Baptism

Today we baptize Joseph Charles Zivkovich, child of Rose and Mark Zivkovich.

Congregational Response:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Joseph with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Tara DeGroot

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

“Jesus Loves Me”
featuring Peter Deneen, saxophone

(Bradbury/Olstad)

Scripture

Acts 9: 1-19a CEB

Message

A Church on Fire: Lessons from Early Christians
“Unlikely Leaders Show Up” (Part 4)

Rev. Linda Stephan

Giving Gifts We’ve Brought for God

(hosts will circulate with buckets, or scan the QR code for online giving)

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Hymn for All

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Parting Blessing

Rev. Linda Stephan

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane & Rev. Linda Stephan; Tara DeGroot, liturgist;

Music: Peter Deneen, saxophone; Michael Coonrod, piano

A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Topher Busch, Silvio Ciccone

Hosts: Central’s Chancel Choir

Set Up Team Leader: Dan Ahrns

Thank you for joining us today!



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