



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
January 23, 2022

PRELUDE "Adagio" by Felix Mendelssohn
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Dick Morrison

ONE: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning,
on-line or in-person, but you have chosen to be HERE:

ALL: ...Where as beginners we learn how to walk in the way of Jesus.

ONE: Welcome to this place—full of music, of words, of prayer—
yet also filled with danger:

**ALL: ...Where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand,
but makes sense in our bones.**

ONE: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town – where we
let loose the very Spirit of Jesus to do its work in us. Let us be HERE now.

HYMN "Gather Us In " FWS No. 2236

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Linda Stephan
"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (all sing)

*Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, Healing pain and sickness, blessing
children small, Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;*

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

*Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; Make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Dick Morrison

THE LORD'S PRAYER (from New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,**

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;**

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The Peace of God" by John Rutter
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

*The peace of God Which passeth all understanding Keep your hearts and minds In the
knowledge and love of God And of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God
almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost Be amongst you
And remain with you always. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE John 14: 1-12
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

"Freeing Jesus—Making Room for a Big-Enough Jesus Christ"
SERMON "Part 3—The Way" Rev. Chris Lane

A TIME OF REFLECTION Amanda Kruk, soloist

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY No. 94
*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 OVER THE GIFTS Rev. Linda Stephan

HYMN "Bring Forth the Kingdom" FWS No. 2190

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Amen, Amen" by Diane Clark

POSTLUDE "Fugue in D major" by Felix Mendelssohn
featuring Tom Bara, organ

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan
Dick Morrison, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;
Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Jane Damschroder, Jill Bentgen and Linda Wolgast

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett,
Lynne Lombard and John Sonnemann
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator
Silvio Ciccone, production director

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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