



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
April 17, 2022

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G major" J.S. Bach  
*featuring Tom Bara, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Larson

One: For those who first went out  
into the early dawn, when the sky was gray,  
taking spices to the tomb -  
there was the risk of terror and surprise.

**ALL: For us here, resisting the impulse to sleep in this morning,  
Thinking we already have our take on the Easter story,  
there is the risk of complacency and been-there-done-that.**

One: So let us open ourselves  
to the astounding possibility  
that Christ's Abundant Life can break out at any moment!

**ALL: Let us challenge the thought  
that we have planned the future  
so efficiently that there will be no surprises!**

One: Let us face the fact  
that the walls of this church,  
and the life of our institutions,  
cannot fully contain Jesus Christ, any more than a tomb can!

**ALL: O, let us celebrate the irrepressible power of God!  
Christ is alive! Halleluiah!**

HYMN "Christ is Risen" UMH No. 307

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Linda Stephan  
"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (all sing)

***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Laura Larson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(from the Maori People of Polynesia)

**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

"Life Everlasting"

music: Jeffrey Cobb,

*text: Laura Knight Cobb; soloists: Wendy Becker, Larry Winegar, Dave Chrostek*

*with Central's Chancel Choir and Brass*

*Oh Creator of the universe, who set each star in the sky; You have given breath to every life, and know our every heartbeat; You silence the winds of doubt, as your light shines beyond the shadows; On bended knee, we seek your grace, and your vow of a life everlasting.*

*Through your mercy and your tenderness, you have sent the world a Messiah; The Prince of Peace who brings us hope, and a promise that love conquers all; A crown of thorns for our*

*Savior, His blood shed for all mankind; His sacrifice has freed us all to wave palms of victory.*

*You have offered us seeds of salvation, each sprout to reveal a hidden purpose. For the garden of tomorrow blooms in what we sow today. Like the lily that blossoms each spring, the roots of the soul are eternal. As years fade into a thousand sunsets, the Light of the World shines*

*within us. We honor the resurrection, and the triumph of spirit over flesh; We are the branches, He the vine, for apart from Him we cannot grow; All who are lost will be found, and all wrongs will be made right; like the mighty sea, Lord, lift us up, as the waves wash away our sin.*

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia. Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia. Raise your joy and triumphs high, Alleluia. Sing, ye heavens and earth, reply: Alleluia!*

**Scripture Reading**

Gospel of Matthew 28: 1-10

Laura Larson

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Easter Resurrection Returns to the Boondocks Bar"

Rev. Chris Lane

SONG FOR REFLECTIO

"Old Zion's Children Marchin' Along"

arr. H. Voxman

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY

UMH 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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH No. 327

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go Forth with God”

by Grier and Everson

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà”

by Charles-Marie Widor

*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

Laura Larson, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;

Central’s Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director; Wendy Becker, Dave Chrostek  
and Larry Winegar, soloists; Central Brass

GREETERS: Nora and Dean Francis, Becky Mang

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Craig Jones,

Lynne Lombard and John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator; Silvio Ciccone, production director

**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



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