



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

May 1, 2022

PRELUDE "The Peace May Be Exchanged" by Dan Locklair
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Noel Woodbury

One: It's no small thing that we gather, in unity,
Our hearts wide open, filled with hope.
Today – we welcome new members!

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is Good!

One: Today – we feast at the table!

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One: Today – We live! We sing! We give! We Witness! We love!
And, because we love, we overcome death.

ALL: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.

HYMN "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH No. 304

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan
Congregational Response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Chris Lane
"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 Noel Woodbury

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Healing River"

arr. Lee Dengler

featuring Central's Chancel Choir, Dave Chrostek, soloist

O healing river, send down your waters. Send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand. This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, from out of the skies.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-21

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

Learning to Balance Series:

MESSAGE

"A Bicycle Built for Two"

Rev. Linda Stephan

HOLY COMMUNION

(Adapted from Carol Penner www.leadinginworship.com)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Most Holy and Precious God of Easter, of flowers of the earth, the sun and sky

We give thanks for the bounty of your creation and for your faithfulness to every generation who names you as God.

One: For your faithfulness to the Hebrews,

All: We give thanks.

One: For the faithfulness of the Midwives,

All: We give thanks.

One: For the faithfulness of Christ,

All: We give thanks. (Pastor continues. . .)

One: Let's pray in one voice:

All: Most Holy One, as we take this bread, let it be a sign of all you have done for the generations, and a living witness of who you are for us.

Thank you for this bread of life. (Pastor continues. . .)

All: As we drink this cup, and it nourishes our body, we remember all you did for us, and who you are for us. Thank you, most compassionate one.

One: Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts. Make them Christ for us, as we live for Christ in the world.

All: Unite us with one another, and with you:

Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Mother, Child, Breath of Life.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Chris Lane

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. Chris Lane

HYMN

“My Life Flows On”

FWS No. 2212

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sonata III”

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

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

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director GREETER: Melanie Miner

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

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW