



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
May 8, 2022

PRELUDE "Canzone Serenata" by Nikolai Medtner  
*featuring Davis Morgenstern, piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Christine Zimmer

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
A new WORLD has broken into ours—

**ALL: A world in which hopeful words come for the poor,  
And freedom comes to those imprisoned.**

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
A new COMMUNITY has been formed—

**ALL: A community that loves and cares for all members and neighbors,  
A place where all find a place of belonging.**

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
A new CREATION has begun—

**ALL: All that was distorted is being restored,  
All that was broken is being made whole, despite evidence to the contrary.**

ONE: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has already begun. Let us worship this God of new life.

HYMN "There is Room in God's Great Welcome" by C.W. Gillette  
*(tune: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" - words on screens)*

RECEIVING OUR CONFIRMANTS INTO MEMBERSHIP

**Congregational Response:**

**We believe God creates choice,  
and that freedom means hard things are not instantly made better.  
And yet, God works with us  
To create good over evil, love from hurt, life from death.  
In hard times, when we don't always see God,  
we try to believe God is: trustworthy, our help, and our guide.**

**We believe God saves in this life and the life beyond  
in transforming who we are and in giving us ways to serve others:  
planting seeds, building bridges, inspiring hope,  
so that our lives – starting with Baptism – become a sacrament.  
That is to say, our lives become holy, or set apart for the work of God.  
And our communion represents our true unity with Christ and one another.**

**We believe God is a great mystery,  
but a mystery who wants to be found and can be found:  
In holy text, in ancient wisdom, in community and church life,  
and in the Holy Ghost within us, always guiding.  
And so it is. The END.**

CHORUS "We Are The Church" (ALL SING)  
*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.  
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Christine Zimmer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Version)  
**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours Now and forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Prayer of Mother Teresa" by Craig Courtney  
*featuring Central's Chancel Choir*  
*Lord, help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life.  
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine  
through me, and be so in me so that every soul I know will feel your presence in my soul. Lord, help  
me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you.*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8: 26-39  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Learning to Balance Series:*  
"Between Heart and Head" Rev. Chris Lane

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 "You Made Us in Your Image" by C.W. Gillette  
(TUNE: "The Church's One Foundation" - words on screens)

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Grant Us Thy Peace”

by John Ellerton

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E minor”  
*featuring Morgan Davis, piano*

by Felix Mendelssohn

*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.)*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

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

Morgan Davis and Davis Morgenstern, guest pianists

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director; GREETER: Linda Wolgast

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann,

Quinn Thomas; 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**