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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Linda Stephan

Call to Worship

Dee Anne Sinclair

ONE: Come! Come and worship our God who loves mercy and justice;
You who woke early and you who slept late;
You who come often, and you who don't.
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

**ALL: There is somehow room for all of us in God's reign,
and more than enough grace to go around. Let's worship God together!**

Hymn "Let All Things Now Living"

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*The law God enforces, the stars in the courses,
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!*

Creed from Youth Confirmation Class of Central Church

Dee Anne Sinclair

ONE: I believe in a God who creates –
Every leaf, every grain of sand, every galaxy, every atom, and calls it good.
This God created us humans for a reason – to receive Love and to give Love.

**ALL: I believe in a God who shows up in the disguise of Jesus –
The dance-leader for us to learn God's dance.
He's the one who shows the way, does for me
what I cannot do for myself.
He restores and forgives, is an expert in giving second chances.**

ONE: I believe in a God who is Holy Spirit –
Who always surrounds us, like the earth's atmosphere;
Who gives me freedom but still guides me down the right path
with myself and others;
Who pushes me to do something good I normally wouldn't do;
Who stirs us up, disturbs like the wind where no surface goes untouched.

**ALL: I believe God has given us the Church –
A place where we can find ourselves, even if we're lost;**

A place where we can communicate without talking;
A place where forgiveness, truthful words, and hope is known;
A place to thank God for all that God is doing.
We are not done, and God is not done.
But for now we can say - All this, we choose to believe.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Dee Anne Sinclair

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.

Special Music

featuring the Archipelago Project Brass Band

Scripture

Matthew 20: 1-16

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

Short Stories by Jesus Series:

Message

"There Once Was a Generous Land Owner"

Rev. Chris Lane

Giving Gifts We've Brought for God

Rev. Linda Stephan

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Hymn

"A Man Owned a Vineyard"

words by C.W. Gillette

(tune: "To God Be the Glory")

*A man owned a vineyard and needed a crew
To tend to his land — there was plenty to do.
He called out to people downtown in the square,
"Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."
God, you call and you send; there is work here to do.
There's your whole world to tend; may we garden for you!
O Lord, in your vineyard may we seek to be
The workers who tend to your justice and peace.*

*He went back a number of times on that day;
He called to new workers and promised fair pay.
Can we but imagine those first workers' rage
When all those who labored received the same wage?
God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a surprise.
For your mercies embrace even latecomers' lives.
May all who have worked long and hard humbly learn:
Your grace is a gift and not something we earn.*

*He called the complainers and said, "This is true —
That I kept my word and I gave you your due.
I share with compassion; I'm loving and kind.
I care for all people and give what is mine!"
God you give what is yours, more than what we deserve;
May we reach out in love where you call us to serve.
May we who have witnessed your grace gladly share
Your justice and love with your world everywhere.*

Hymn

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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!*

Parting Blessing

Rev. Chris Lane

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane & Rev. Linda Stephan Liturgist: Dee Anne Sinclair
Music: The Archipelago Project; Carolyn Grigereit, piano
A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone
Greeters: Reconciling Ministries Group Set-up team leader: Mark Jackson

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW