



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
September 11, 2022

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Eldon Horner

ONE: Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.

**ALL: Here in this worship, there are no scape-goats or outsiders,
but a sturdy acceptance, for bridge-building love is the language of our faith.**

ONE: Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God-in-Christ dwells in each of us.

ALL: Come, let us worship the God who loves this way.

HYMN "O Worship the King" UMH No. 73

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Linda Stephan

"Jesus Loves Me" (alternate words) (all sing)

***Jesus loves me. I'm so blessed, for my home's a place of rest. Loving care of family
is God's gift of love to me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.***

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Eldon Horner

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

**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 "Make A Joyful Noise" by Jeffrey Cobb

featuring Central's Chancel Choir; Wendy Becker, soprano soloist

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his pres-
ence with Thanksgiving. Know ye that the Lord He is God. It is He that hath made us, and not we
ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His courts with thanksgiving,
and enter into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.*

One generation passeth away, another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever.

The sun will ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasten to His place, where He arose.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2: 14a; 37-42 Eldon Horner

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

MESSAGE *Five Ways to Stay Spiritually Fit Series:*
Part 1— "Worship and Prayer as Nutrition" Rev. Chris Lane

SERENITY PRAYER

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

“Oh, God, give us courage to change what must be altered, serenity to accept what cannot be helped, and insight to know the one from the other.”

A CREED OF OUR FAITH

(inspired by Central’s Youth Confirmation Class)

Leader: God is Creator, the patient Creator of all that is. The master painter always adding to the masterpiece. Light and dark, color and shadow, seen and unseen. God does not control every detail, but means for all Creation to be good and fit together.

Left Side: God is in Christ, the one we call Jesus. He walked among us, felt what we feel, but he is so much more. He came as the One who saves, to show us a better way. Christ is strong but not aggressive. Truth-telling but not arrogant. A tough coach but not mean. His willingness to die for Love is a reminder of the beautiful life we are given, worth protecting each other. Grace wins, so we are to take nothing for granted, but dare to love his way.

Right Side: God is also Holy Spirit, giving me confidence to be who God wants me to be. The Spirit is the better voice to listen to, rather than the chatter of just me. The Spirit guides in ways we barely understand, but always steering us toward Love and right relationships. The Spirit is a bridge-builder, making a way where there was no way - between enemies and friends and churches and nations. With so much darkness around, Holy Spirit shines a way like a big ole’ ball of Light.

Youthful Voice: God works through many groups of people, and especially that group called the Church. It is not perfect, but God seems to show up here a lot. We find guidance here for things we might not be able to handle on our own, to love this world in big ways we might not pull off on our own. The Church is old but it is new, every week a new piece of the story, learning how to let God in. Worship is like school for our souls. It is the place where I learn to see vividly that God is here for others as much as for me.

ALL: God is love; what more can we say!

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

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

UMH No. 664

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go Forth with God”

by Grier and Everson

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

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

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

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Geri Torno, Kathy Gray, Jim & LouAnn McKimmy

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!**



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