



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
September 25, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gus and Annie Bye

One: We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:

**ALL: Where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us here,  
into that home called grace:

**ALL: Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Two: We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**ALL: Where the imprisoned models a restorative justice,  
and where the sick are cradled by God's Beloved Community.**

HYMN

“God, We Thank You for the Churches” (words on screens)  
*(sung to the tune: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)*

CHILDREN’S TIME

“Draw the Circle Wide” Erica Kozlowski & Sarah Drews  
*A special performance featuring Central’s Children’s Choir and Chancel Choir*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Gus Bye

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

“The Prayer of St. Francis”  
*featuring Central’s Chancel Choir*

by Jeffrey Cobb

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine master grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned; and it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

SKETCH	“Finding Something that Fits”	
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 25: 31-45	Annie Bye
	Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
	<i>Five Ways to Stay Spiritually Fit Series:</i>	
MESSAGE	Part 3— “Serving is Like Exercise”	Rev. Chris Lane
A TIME FOR REFLECTION		
INVITATION TO GIVING		Rev. Linda Stephan
DOXOLOGY		UMH No. 94
	<i>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!</i>	
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS		Rev. Linda Stephan
HYMN	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	FWS No. 2153
BENEDICTION		Rev. Chris Lane
CHORAL BENEDICTION	“May the Heavenly Father Cheer You”	by Roger C. Wilson
POSTLUDE		

*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; Susan Day, guest pianist;

Central’s Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

SKETCH: Eldon Horner, Phil Callighan

GREETERS: Carol and Bob Blackmer, Jacquie Thomas, Meagan and Ronin Thomas

WELCOME CENTER HOST: Linda Deneen

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard, Jim Ondrajka

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**