



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
October 9, 2022

PRELUDE "Cantabile" by César Franck
featuring Tom Bara, organ

INTROIT "Do Lord" African-American Spiritual
featuring Central Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Homer Nye

One: God has given us this day for praise!

ALL: For today, praise be to God for this most generous gift, beyond measure!

One: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

ALL: For today, let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

One: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

ALL: For today, let our songs, our silence, our spirits reflect God's love that heals and restores. AMEN.

HYMN "Christ, You Walked Among the Grain Fields" by C.W. Gillette
(tune: "Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters" - words on screens)

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Jackie Barone
(all sing)

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;

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Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Homer Nye

THE LORD'S PRAYER (from the Maori People of Polynesia)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“O Lord, Open My Eyes”

by Jeffrey Cobb

featuring Central’s Chancel Choir

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succour. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to these places. Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6: 38

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

MESSAGE

Five Ways to Stay Spiritually Fit Series:

Part 5— “Generosity as Stretching”

Rev. Chris Lane

REFLECTION

When have you been inspired by another person’s stretching to be generous?

When have you stretched yourself to an over and above generous action?

GIVING OUR GIFTS

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

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH No. 87

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“O Lord, Open My Eyes”

by Jeffrey Cobb (exerpt)

POSTLUDE

“Thou Art the Rock”

by Henri Mulet

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, accompanist; Central Brass
Central’s Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Kathy Gray, Becky Mang & Homer Nye, Geri Torno

WELCOME CENTER HOST: Lorna Lombard

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Tom Atkinson, Abby Ondrajka, Jim Ondrajka

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director

