

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP November 27, 2022

PRELUDE "Savior to the Nations, Come"

by J.S. Bach

featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP* Blessing Ovie

One: Is anything too wonderful for our God?

We believe in a bright and amazing God

who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf.

ALL: Who has risen in splendor and majesty

One: Who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear, white light, twinkling stars and sharp colors.

ALL: We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us, forgives us and trusts us even though we make the same mistakes, over and over again.

One: We commit ourselves to Jesus, and to one another, over and over again,

All: Come Lord Jesus. Come.

HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH No. 203

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING "Light A Candle" by Lisa Waites

The Hays Family will light the Candle of Hope.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Blessing Ovie

RESPONSE:

One: God of justice, **ALL: show yourself.**

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 "Lo! In the Cold of Winter Deep" arr. Gordon Thornett featuring Central's Chancel Choir

Lo! In the cold of winter deep, the spirit moves through the barren trees, passing the birch and the mighty oak and the cedars who reach for his flowing cloak. Lo! The humble stump of Jesse, silent within the forest glen, here is the one, hewn down long ago, on whom the spirit now descends. See! How the tiniest, tender shoot springs forth from the stump to renew its youth, quietly grows and softly speaks of life from decay in the hope of spring. No kingly height to garner praise, no handsome crown of gold or red. Towering over him, poplars are proud and maples shake their glorious heads. Lamb and wolf appear together; goat and leopard share the shade. One little boy leads a calf and lion; fear and death have flown away.

Lo! The righteous branch of David blossoms with holy, fragrant flowers. Fairest of fruit from Jesse's root fills heaven and earth by the spirit's power. Spring forth, on tree of Israel. Rejoice!

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9: 2-7a Blessing Ovie

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

Advent Sermon Series: Prepare the Way

MESSAGE "The Way of Justice" Rev. Linda Stephan

REFLECTION

GIVING OUR GIFTS Rev. Chris Lane

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!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH No. 196

BENEDICTION Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace I Leave with You" by Matthew Glandorf

POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" by Andre Campra

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's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Cindee and Chuck McLaughlin, Jill Bentgen and Jason Smith

WELCOME CENTER HOST: Marilyn Cobb

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

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator Silvio Ciccone, production director



Thank you for joining us today!



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SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW