





## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP January 22, 2023

PRELUDE "The Peace May Be Exchanged" featuring Tom Bara, organ

by Dan Locklair

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP John Flesher

ONE: Have you noticed? The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

ALL: So call us into Your way of life, O God.

ONE: The complaints of others can churn in our minds, and cloud our vision.

ALL: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.

ONE: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

ALL: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.

ONE: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your liberating word, O God.

Show us how to follow the One who you have sent. We your people worship You together.

HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH No. 66

## BLESSING THE CHILDREN AND FAITH FORMATION VIDEO MOMENT

"We Are the Church"

(all sing)

Chorus—I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! Verse - Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. [Chorus] Verse- And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: [Chorus]

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE John Flesher

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 "Built on A Rock" arr. Joel Raney

featuring Central's Chancel Choir

Rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself in thee. The church has one foundation, in Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation, from water and the word. Built on a rock not built on shifting sand, the cornerstone of God's eternal plan. Straight and true these walls will stand; this church is built on a rock by God's almighty hand. From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy bride; with his precious love he bought her, and for her life he died. Rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure. Built on a rock not built on shifting sand, the cornerstone of God's eternal plan. Straight and true these walls will stand; this church is built on a rock by God's almighty hand.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4: 12-23 John Flesher

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

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Sermon Series

MESSAGE "Going Far Together" Rev. Chris Lane

## Welcome Statement of Central Church

Welcome to all who seek true community,

Or have no church home,

Who have been here awhile, or have just arrived,

Who need strength, who want to follow Christ;

Who have doubts, firm convictions,

Or who aren't sure what they believe.

Welcome to new guests and to old friends.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities,

Sexual orientations and gender identities,

To old and young

To believers, questioners, and to questioning believers.

All are welcome here.

**REFLECTION** 

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!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Rev. Linda Stephan

HYMN "O Lord, You Called Disciples" (words on screens)

(Lyrics by C.W. Gillette. Tune: "The Day of Resurrection")

BENEDICTION Rev. Linda Stephan

ALL: "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, then go together."

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" by John Stainer

POSTLUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young

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; Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;

Michael Coonrod, accompanist

GREETERS: Wes Bara, Cindy and Chuck McLaughlin

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator Silvio Ciccone, production director