



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
February 26, 2023

PRELUDE                    “All People Must Die, All Flesh Passes Away Like Grass”                    by J.S. Bach  
*featuring Tom Bara, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                    Rev. Linda Stephan  
*(Please take a moment to check in now.)*

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP                    Nan Horstman

ONE: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—

**ALL: the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—  
who hears the cries of the people and comes to their aid;  
who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;**

ONE: who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,  
take up our cross of self-giving love,  
and discover what it means to truly live.

**ALL: This is our God!  
Let’s worship together.**

HYMN                    “God, The Mountains Tell Your Glory”                    by C.W. Gillette  
*(words on screens—tune: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”)*

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN AND CHRISTIAN CAMPING

“It’s Me, It’s Me O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer”                    (all sing)  
*It’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me, it’s me O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me,  
O Lord, Standing in the need of prayer.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE                    Nan Horstman

THE LORD’S PRAYER                    (New Zealand Book of Prayer)

**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 "I Believe" by Mark Miller  
*featuring Central's Chancel Choir and String Quartet*  
*I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining. I believe in love, even when,  
even when I don't feel it. I believe in God, even when, even when God is silent.*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3: 1-15  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Desert Wanderings Lenten Sermon Series*  
"Moses Am-bushed!" Rev. Chris Lane

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY FOR LENT (tune: UMH No. 95)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Rev. Linda Stephan

HYMN "O God, You Called to Moses" by C.W. Gillette  
*(words on screens—tune: "Lead On, O King Eternal")*

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION "A Blessing" by James Chepponis

POSTLUDE "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" by J.S. Bach  
*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;

String Quartet: Paul Sonner, Kaylee Erlewein, Kim Teachout, Liz Bert;

Michael Coonrod, accompanist

GREETERS: Megan and Ronin Wells, Jacquie Thomas, Wes Bara

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Craig Jones, John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW

**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW