



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
March 12, 2023

PRELUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Matthew Compton  
*featuring Central Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Larson

ONE: Day by day, God leads us:

**ALL: to the deep, deep pools of peace,  
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

ONE: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**ALL: to pour out ourselves in service,  
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

ONE: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**ALL: the community we could be,  
the family we are called to become.**

HYMN "O Worship the King" No. 73

BLESSING THE CHILDREN UMH No. 512 (vs. 3)  
(all sing)

"Stand By Me"

*In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.*

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*When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand.*

*Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Laura Larson

THE LORD'S PRAYER 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 "I Believe" by Mark Miller  
*featuring Central's Chancel Choir*

*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 5: 1— 6: 1

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

PRAYER AFTER HEARING THE SCRIPTURE (in unison)

**Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you call us out of our dark places,  
offering us the grace of new life.  
When we see nothing but hopelessness,  
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.  
Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,  
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

*Desert Wanderings Lenten Sermon Series*

MESSAGE "Frustrations, Pharaohs & Foreshadowing Frogs" Rev. Chris Lane

MOMENT OF REFLECTION Dave Chrostek, soloist

INVITATION TO GIVING

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 "How Firm A Foundation" UMH No. 529 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Grant Us Thy Peace" by John Ellerton

POSTLUDE "Marche Heroique" by Herbert Brewer  
*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.)*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

LITURGIST: Laura Larson

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;  
Michael Coonrod, accompanist

GREETERS: Bob and Carol Blackmer, Tom Emling and Geri Torno

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Craig Jones, Erica Jones, Jim Ondrajka  
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator  
Silvio Ciccone, production director



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**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



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