



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

March 26, 2023

PRELUDE

“Adagio”

by Vivaldi

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”
featuring Candice Wallace, guest organist

by Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christine Zimmer

One: Good morning and welcome.

Don't we all need this hour to simply be in worship?

All: So many errands and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

One: This day, in this place, let openness to the living God be our choice.

All: This day, in this place, may we indeed open our hearts and spirits to the living God.

One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

**All: Praise be to God who now invites us to inner and outer freedom.
We are listening.**

HYMN

“Maker, in Whom We Live ”

UMH No. 88

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

“Long Ago, God Reached in Love”

(tune: Jesus Loves Me)

words by C.W. Gillette

Ten Commandments were the way God called people to obey, For God wanted us to see:

*In obeying, we are free. [Refrain] God, you are faithful, God, you are faithful,
God, you are faithful: Your covenant is love!*

Jesus came to show the way we can have new life today;

God fulfilled that loving plan, made for us when life began. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Christine Zimmer

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

“Forsaken”

by Dan Forrest

featuring Central's Chancel Choir with Ann Schoelles, violin and Jean Coonrod, cello

How long, O God, will You neglect My prayer? Will You forget these tears of dark despair? Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done: Forsake not man, but Me—Your sinless Son. I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command, Enduring punishment for sinful man. As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path: Accept rejection to appease Your wrath. O why, My God, have You forsaken Me? Why have You now refused My final plea? Though I cry out in sorrow, pain, and fear, You turn Your back; in silence, disappear. I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone, Embracing judgment from Your glorious throne. As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood To bring them boldly to Your face, My God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 19: 1-8; 20: 1-3

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

MESSAGE	<i>Desert Wanderings Lenten Sermon Series</i> "Desert Promises"	Rev. Chris Lane
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
INVITATION TO GIVING		Rev. Linda Stephan
DOXOLOGY FOR LENT		(tune: UMH No. 95) <i>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.</i>
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS		Rev. Linda Stephan
HYMN	"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" <i>(Lyrics by C.W. Gillette. Tune: Beach Spring)</i>	(words on screens)
BLESSING FOR SENDING FORTH		Rev. Chris Lane
CHORAL BENEDICTION	"God is Good"	by Grier and Everson
POSTLUDE	"Prelude and Fugue in G minor" <i>featuring Candice Wallace, guest organist</i>	by J.S. Bach

*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

LITURGIST: Christine Zimmer

MUSIC: Candice Wallace, guest organist; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Ann Schoelles, violin;

Jean Coonrod, cello; Michael Coonrod, accompanist

GREETERS: Jim and LouAnn McKimmy, John and Sally Ellinger

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone, Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann; Meagan Thomas Wells, production manager

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. YOU SHALL NOT MAKE IDOLS.
3. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.
5. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
6. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.
7. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
8. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
9. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.