



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
April 2, 2023—Palm Sunday

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP* Homer Nye

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

ALL: we greet you;

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

ALL: we cheer you;

One: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

ALL: we salute you: Christ our Lord.

One: You are giving the beast of burden

ALL: a new dignity;

One: you are giving majesty

ALL: a new face;

One: you are giving those who long for redemption

ALL: A new song to sing.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 278

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Chris Lane

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(all sing)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Homer Nye

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 "Fanfare for Palm Sunday" arr. Mary McDonald

featuring Central's Chancel Choir; Josh Wagner, trumpet

Lift your heads, ye mighty gates; the king of glory comes! See the people celebrate; saying, "blessed be the one!" Praise him all you people of earth. Praise him with your songs of worth. Praise him with your loud hosannas. Wave your palms with joy! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King! Lift your voices all ye children; Jesus is the king! Teach us how to give him glory; let your praises ring! Blessed be the son of David! Crown him king of kings! Worship, blessing, honor, glory all your praises bring! See the wonders he has done; this is Jesus, God's own son! With hosannas let us follow Jesus Christ, our king!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-18; 21:8-13

Homer Nye

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

Desert Wanderings Lenten Sermon Series

MESSAGE

“Jesus: Refuge & Refugee”

Rev. Linda Stephan

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor Continues...)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor Continues...)

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Pastor Continues...)

All: Amen.

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP *(all Communion Bread is now Gluten Free)*

(Offerings may be placed in the plates at the front of the aisles.)

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. Chris Lane

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

UMH No. 297

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God is Good”

by Grier and Everson

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G Major”

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

LITURGIST: Homer Nye

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

Michael Coonrod, accompanist, Josh Wagner, trumpet

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