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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

April 16, 2023

PRELUDE "Aria" by Andrew Carter
featuring Tom Bara, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP* Tara DeGroot

ONE: Resurrecting God, we stand before you today,
grateful for the ways you raise us up to abundant life.
Gathered in this place:

ALL: we offer our praise.

ONE: We pour out our gratitude
for the marvelous gifts we receive from your hand.

ALL: Receive our thanks, wrapped in song, in water, in Spirit.

ONE: Then send us to share your life-giving love with all we meet.

HYMN "O Worship The King" UMH No. 73 (vs. 1, 3-5)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Tara DeGroot

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 "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Tom Fettke
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath
regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul! Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1: 3-9; 22-25 Tara DeGroot
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Marks of Resilience: Nature's Story of Hope Sermon Series

MESSAGE "Rooted in Resilience" Rev. Linda Stephan

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Rev. Linda Stephan and Sarah Brokaw

Candidate for Baptism and Confirmation: *Erica Jones*

Candidates for Confirmation: *Annie Bye, Gus Bye, Ted Hassler, Abigail Ondrajka, Andrew Waggoner, Matthew Waggoner*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (in unison)

(words on screens)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by the Confirmation Class of 2023

**We believe in Christ,
who was born to be our guide
and is the perfect version of humanity.**

**Son of God, Savior, Messiah,
Christ died to forgive our sins;
Christ is risen and will come again to heal us.**

**The Great "I Am" is the father and mother of all life
who loves us unconditionally
and promises to be with us always,
in baptism and the community of faith.**

**We believe as a community that we should
ask questions, rely on one another,
and be the light to each other.**

**God provides scripture as a witness.
We interpret through reason, tradition and experience.**

We are never alone. The Holy Spirit is always with us.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (in unison)

(words on screens)

INVITATION TO GIVING

Tara DeGroot

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! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Tara DeGroot

HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH No. 133

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Our Mother, God Our Father"

by Diane Clark

POSTLUDE

"Prelude to a Te Deum "
featuring Tom Bara, organist

by Marc Antoine Charpentier

*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:

PASTOR: Rev. Linda Stephan LITURGIST: Tara DeGroot

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

Michael Coonrod, accompanist

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

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**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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