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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

April 23, 2023

PRELUDE "O Blessed Spring" arr. Carter
featuring Candice Wallace, guest organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Suzanne Thelen

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

All: From darkness, God separated the light; and from water, separated the dry land.

One: And on that land, God put forth vegetation and the trees bearing fruit.

All: And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament and the heavens."

One: Then, God brought forth living creatures of all kinds on the dry land.

All: And God created humankind, giving us dominion over the lands and the water, the birds and the beasts. Let us embrace the responsibility given to us to protect and celebrate all of God's creation.

One: Welcome to Creation Sunday.

HYMN "Morning Has Broken" UMH No. 145

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Erica Kozlowski
(all sing)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
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 the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Suzanne Thelen

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

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: 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies; For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour, of the day and of the night; Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given; Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 23:10-13; Matthew 11:28-29 Suzanne Thelen
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Marks of Resilience: Nature's Story of Hope Sermon Series*
"Rest For Our Souls" John Flesher

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Chris Lane

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 Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN "O Blessed Spring" FWS No. 2076

BENEDICTION John Flesher

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Our Mother, God Our Father" by Diane Clark

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C Major"
featuring Candice Wallace, guest organist 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:

PASTOR: Rev. Chris Lane GUEST SPEAKER: John Flesher
LITURGIST: Suzanne Thelen

MUSIC: Candice Wallace, guest organist; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Michael Coonrod, accompanist

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone, Lynne Lombard, Abby Ondrajka,
Jim Ondrajka; Meagan Thomas Wells, production manager

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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