



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
April 9, 2023—Easter Sunday

PRELUDE "In Thee is Gladness" by J.S. Bach
featuring Tom Bara, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Yeatts

One: For those who first went out into the early dawn, when the sky was grey,
taking spices to the tomb—there was the risk of terror and surprise.

**ALL: For us here, resisting the impulse to sleep in this morning,
Thinking we already have our take on the Easter story,
there is the risk of complacency and been-there-done-that.**

One: So let us open ourselves to the astounding possibility
That Abundant Life can break out at any moment!

**ALL: Let us challenge the thought that we have planned the future
so efficiently that there will be no surprises!**

One: Let us face the fact that the walls of this church, and the life of our
institutions, cannot fully contain Jesus Christ, any more than a tomb can!

**ALL: O, let us celebrate the irrepressible power of God!
Christ is alive! Halleluiah!**

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH No. 302 (vs. 1-4)

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

BLESSING THE CHILDREN "Hymn of Promise" (all sing)

*In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits
to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Jennifer Yeatts

**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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. John Behnke

featuring Central's Chancel Choir with Bells, Brass, Organ and Timpani

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity. Crown him
the Virgin's Son! The God Incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn! Fruit of the
mystic Rose as of that Rose the Stem: the Root, whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem! Crown him the Lord of
love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that
sight, but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the
grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,*

who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the king, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love, crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall. Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16: 1-8 (Common English Bible)
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Easter—Even Moses Can't Do This!" Rev. Chris Lane

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION

One: We believe in the extravagant debonair God of Christ Jesus,
who clothes the wild flowers, ushers in the coming Spring,
who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small,
who feeds even the bear and lowly opossum, out of hibernation.

**ALL: We believe in the generous God of Christ Jesus
the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.**

MAIN FLOOR: We believe in the extravagant God of Christ Jesus,
who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile,
turns water into the best wine, brings healing with his touch and look,
and who honors a woman's love
as she fills the house with extravagant fragrance.

**ALL: We believe in the faith-full God of Christ Jesus,
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,
and stubbornly kept the faith to the very end.**

BALCONY AND CHOIR: We believe in the redeeming God of Christ Jesus,
who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers,
had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day
did a thing so jaw-dropping that even his friends were tongue-tied with joy.

**ALL: We believe in this God, the Source of our un-doing and our re-doing,
the maker of Easter always following Good Friday,
wherever we turn and no matter what we do. Hallelujah and Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Linda Stephan
Mission Spotlight—JFON-MI

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. Linda Stephan

HYMN "Thank You, God, for Easter's Story" (words on screens)
(Lyrics by C.W. Gillette. Tune: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens")

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Forth with God" by Grier and Everson

POSTLUDE "Toccata" by Charles-Marie Widor
featuring Tom Bara, organist

*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: Jennifer Yeatts

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

Trumpets: Josh Wagner, Mark LaSarge; Horn: Julie Schlieff; Trombone: Mike Hunter; Timpani: Bob Sagan; Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director; Michael Coonrod, piano

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