



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
May 14, 2023—Mother's Day

PRELUDE "Cantabile" by C.M. Widor
featuring Tom Bara, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Blessing Ovie

One: Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

All: Our God - loving, nurturing always, ahead of us.

One: In love, God sees a good future for us, saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

All: Trusting in the way of God, we offer our praise, and listen with our hearts!

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH No. 139

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Erica Kozlowski
"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light" (all sing)

Chorus—I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. [Chorus] And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: [Chorus]

UNISON PRAYER (words on screens)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Blessing Ovie

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 894

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "When the Saints Go Marching In" by John Rutter
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

Glory, glory, hallelujah! The Lord goes marching on. Oh, when the saints go marching in; oh, when the saints go marching in; Lord I want to be in that number; when the saints go marching in. Oh when the revelation comes, O Lord I want to be in that number, when the revelation comes. Oh when the new world is revealed, O Lord I want to be in that number, oh when the new world is revealed. Oh when they gather round the throne, O Lord I want to be in that number, oh when they gather round the throne. Hallelujah brothers, hallelujah sisters! Hear the music going round and round, while the Saints go marching up into glory, oh hear those angel trumpets sound! And when they crown him king of kings, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when they crown him king of kings. And when the sun no more will shine, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the sun no more will shine. And when the moon has turned to blood, oh Lord I want to be in that number, when the moon has turned to blood. And on that hallelujah day, oh Lord I want to be in that number, on that hallelujah day.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 1:5-7; John 14:18-20 Blessing Ovie
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *The Future is Shaping Up Sermon Series*
"We are Family, All Generations and Me" Rev. Chris Lane

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Linda Stephan

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 "A Grandmother, Lois" by C.W. Gillette
(tune: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - words on screens)

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE "Allegro, Chorale and Fugue" Felix Mendelssohn
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: Blessing Ovie

WELCOME CENTER HOST: Sandy O'Niel

GREETERS: Ed and Ann Kalat, Julie Falconer, Geri Torno

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

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

The Five Values of Central United Methodist Church

- *Be shaped by the historic Wesleyan emphasis
on a vital personal faith, social justice,
ecumenism and global concern;
- *Provide opportunities for passionate worship,
intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service,
and extravagant generosity;
- *Nurture an inter-generational community;
- *Offer radical hospitality to all people in a friendly downtown church;
- *Respect diverse perspectives, while uniting in Christian essentials
and resolving to love.