





TRADITIONAL WORSHIP May 28, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Cooley

ONE: In a world filled with violence and war,

ALL: We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

ONE: In a world filled with meanness and oppression,

ALL: We gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

ONE: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

ALL: We gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

ONE: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

ALL: The Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

HYMN "For This Land in All Its Wonder" (words on screens)

(Lyrics by C.W. Gillette; tune: "God of Grace and God of Glory")

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Erica Kozlowski

"We Are the Church" (all sing—words on screens)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Lisa Cooley

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 "Mingle and Blend" by Brother Benedict

featuring Nan Horstman, vocalist

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:14-17 Lisa Cooley

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

The Future is Shaping Up Sermon Series

MESSAGE "Reaching Back to Go Forward" 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 "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH No. 87

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lane

POSTLUDE

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: Lisa Cooley
MUSIC: Candice Wallace, organist; Nan Horstman, vocalist
AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone, Abby Ondrajka,
Lynne Lombard, Jim Ondrajka
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.