

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP May 7, 2023

PRELUDE "The Peace May Be Exchanged"

by Dan Locklair

featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Tara DeGroot

One: Send the waters of your grace upon us.

ALL: We are your people.

One: Let the waters of your love wash us.

ALL: We are your forgiven people.

One: Let the waters of your blessing pour over us.

ALL: We are your chosen people.

One: And when the floodwaters recede, send us your rainbow.

ALL: For we are your beloved people.

One: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH No. 89

BLESSING THE CHILDREN & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Rev. Chris Lane

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

(all sing)

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where you cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

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

"Prayer of Mother Teresa"

by Craig Courtney

featuring Central's Chancel Choir

Lord, help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of yours.

Shine through me, and be so in me so that every soul I know will feel your presence in my soul.

Lord, help me spread your fragrance wherever I go. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you.

Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 8:2b-22; 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:20b-22 Tar Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Tara DeGroot

"Rainbows as Resilience" MESSAGE Rev. Linda Stephan

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

Sung Response: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (all Communion Bread is now Gluten Free) (Offerings may be placed in the plates at the front of the aisles. Stephen Ministers are available in the back of the Sanctuary to offer you a blessing if you choose.)

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

"Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" HYMN **UMH No. 508**

BENEDICTION

"Blessed Be the Lord for Evermore" CHORAL BENEDICTION by Cobb

POSTLUDE "Thou Art the Rock" by Henri Mulet

featuring Tom Bara, organ

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: Tara DeGroot

GREETERS: Ed and Ann Kalat, Don Harbold, Chris Zimmer

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

Michael Coonrod, accompanist

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



Thank you for joining us today!



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