



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
June 11, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

PRESENTATION OF WAYNE C. BARRETT STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Gary Step

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Linda Stephan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Porter

ONE: Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go. Babies are born.

Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another.

Individuals move into our community and church life.

Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences,
new journeys.

**ALL: So it is important to be here now, to honor the gifts found in both
endings and beginnings. Today we make space for farewell with Pastor Chris who is
leaving as our pastor.**

HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

FWS No. 2008

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

“We Are the Church”

Rev. Linda Stephan
(all sing—words on screens)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Ann Porter

THE LORD’S PRAYER

No. 895

**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”
featuring Central’s Chancel Choir

by John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:9-10

*“Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up. So then,
let’s work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity,
and especially for those in the household of faith.”*

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

MESSAGE

“O Be Not Weary of Well Doing!”

Rev. Chris Lane

A LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND RELEASE

Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

ONE: I thank you, members and friends of Central Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I was your pastor. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

ALL: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness where needed, and accept that you now leave to use your gifts in retirement. We tell you our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

ONE: I hold your gratitude and forgive both your and my imperfections. I trust this time has been pleasing to God. I now release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you, as pastors Linda and Joan help you to grow as Christ's Body.

EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

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

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

FWS No. 2190

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

by Peter Lutkin

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: Ann Porter

MUSIC: Michael Coonrod, piano/organ;

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Silvio Ciccone, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard,

Tom Atkinson, John Sonnemann

Meagan Thomas Wells, production manager