



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
June 25, 2023

PRELUDE	<i>“Praeludium in E Major” featuring Carolyn Hoff, organist</i>	by Dieterich Buxtehude
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Linda Stephan
PASSING THE PEACE		
CALL TO WORSHIP*		Melanie Miner
Leader:	We gather this day to acknowledge a threshold moment— a thin place between what’s been and what will be—	
ALL:	Bless this liminal time and space and those who stand in thresholds looking back and looking ahead.	
Leader:	May it be with a sense of gratitude and anticipation, with awareness and wonder.	
ALL:	May we sense that God goes before us, today and always. Amen.	
GRADUATION RECOGNITION		Rev. Linda Stephan
ALL:	May God go before you. May God go behind you. May God go beside you. May God guide all your paths. Amen.	
HYMN	<i>“This is a Day of New Beginnings”</i>	UMH No. 383 (vs. 1-4)
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE		Melanie Miner
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	<i>“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” featuring John Flesher, vocalist</i>	Mendelssohn
SCRIPTURE READING	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12	Melanie Miner
	Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God.	
MESSAGE	<i>“Bittersweet: The Taste of Leadership Change”</i>	Dean Francis
CELEBRATING PASTOR LINDA		Wes Bara
ALL:	We will support you and serve Christ and the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.	
SUNG RESPONSE	<i>“Our God Reigns”</i>	John Flesher

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

"We Are the Church"

UMH No. 558

BENEDICTION

Dean Francis

POSTLUDE

"Litanies"

by Jehan Alain

featuring Carolyn Hoff, 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:

PASTOR: Rev. Linda Stephan

GUEST SPEAKER: Dean Francis

LITURGIST: Melanie Miner

MUSIC: Carolyn Hoff, organ; John Flesher, vocalist

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone, Tom Atkinson,

Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann

Meagan Thomas Wells, production manager

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- *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