



October 8, 2023  
Traditional Worship

**Prelude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
*featuring Peter VanDessel, organ*  
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”  
*featuring Central Bells*

by Don Wyrzten  
arr. John Behnke

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Passing the Peace**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 145:10-13)*

Ben Walmer

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak  
of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
your rule endures for all generations.  
You are faithful in all your words  
and gracious in all your deeds.**

One: Praise the name of the Lord,  
who reigns in the glory of the power that is love.

**ALL: Let all creation praise the Lord!**

**Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH No. 139

**Blessing the Children**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Prayer of the People**

Ben Walmer

**The Lord’s Prayer**

UMH 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**

“Joy in the Morning”

by Natalie Sleeth

*featuring Central’s Chancel Choir and brass*

*There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day. There’ll be peace and contentment evermore, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore, ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice on that day will rejoice, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore.*

*There’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere.*

**Scripture**

Matthew 13:31-35 CEB

Ben Walmer

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be God.****Sermon***Lord, Teach Us To Pray Sermon Series*  
"Thy Kingdom Come"

Rev. Joan VanDessel

**Moment of Reflection****Invitation to Giving**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Doxology**

UMH No. 94

*Praise God from whom all blessing 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**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

UMH 428

**Benediction**

Rev. Joan VanDessel

**Choral Benediction** "May God Keep You Forever" by Henegar**Postlude***"Prelude on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*  
*featuring Peter VanDessel, organ*

by Walther

*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. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel**Liturgist:** Ben Walmer**Music:** Peter VanDessel, organist and accompanist

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;

Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director;

Michael Hunter, Julie Schleif, Thomas Viera, Josh Wagner

**Welcome Desk:** Lorna Lombard**Greeters:** Chuck and Cindee McLaughlin,

Dean and Nora Francis

**A/V Team:** Craig Jones, Silvio Ciccone, Jim Ondrajka

Abby Ondrajka, John Sonnemann

Meagan Thomas Wells, production manager



**Thank you**  
**for joining us today!**

**SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW****SCAN TO CHECK IN**