



TOGETHER WE CAN

“Together, We Can”

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Shenkel UCC Grove

A Gathering of Faith Communities

Cedarville United Methodist Church

St. John's United Church of Christ

Shenkel United Church of Christ

Still Waters Grace Assembly

Temple United Methodist Church

...and friends

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Shenkel UCC

Call to Worship

Rev. Sherry Lantz
Cedarville UMC

L: We are gathered together in this space created by the God we have come to glorify.

P: **We have come together to lift our voices in prayer and praise, to offer our thanks, to receive God’s word for us today, and to share from the bounty we have received.**

L: Together, we will lift up our voices! Together, we will worship God!

P: **Together, we acknowledge that with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we can be and do all that God desires of us.**

L: Come, let us worship God together!

Song of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.*

[Refrain]

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God’s goodness, lost in Christ’s love.
[Refrain]*

Opening Prayer

Jim Jannotti, Pastor
Temple UMC

L: O Lord, you search and know us.

P: **You know our comings and goings; our whole path through this life. You know our words before we speak them. Surround us, Lord with your presence. May your Spirit be as close to us as breath; your word as bread to our souls.**

L: O God, who knew us fully even as you formed us in secret,

P: **Who wrote our days in your book before one of them came to be, breathe into us your life and your presence. Enable us to live for you and to give witness to your grace and power in the world that you love.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18.1-10

Temple UMC

Meditation

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Shenkel UCC

Special Music

“Yes We Can”
Dwight Liles & Kyle Matthews

Adrienne Reedy, Vocalist

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Mary Gerhard
Still Waters Grace Assembly

Meditation

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Call to Confession:

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Shenkel UCC

L: Let us come to our time of confession with hearts open to the transforming power of God's Spirit.

Prayer of Confession:

God, our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust and joy. Amen

Silence for individual prayer

Assurance of Pardon:

L: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Friends, hear the good news; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free.

Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

Eddie Esponisa, CCLI #1565

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay Mold me and make me this is what I pray.

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Offering for Our Respective Churches

Rev. Sherry Lantz
Cedarville UMC

Communion Invitation

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding
Shenkel UCC

L: For a tree to flower and bear fruit at the invitation of the Risen One.

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, God we praise you with joy.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: We remember that on the night we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

L: Holy One, show forth among us.... to make all things new. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Offertory

“Heart's Desire”

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Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sherry Lantz
Cedarville UMC

Closing Worship Song

“Breathe”

Kelly Strunk, Jim & Joy Jannotti
(Mary Barnett, CCLI #1874117)

Benediction

Rev. Sherry Lantz
Cedarville UMC

Postlude