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***Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)***

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

***February 21, 2021***  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**The Church Gathers**

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Bob

\*Call to Worship

Cheryl Cornwall

L: God said, "I will be your God."

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, "I will forgive you."

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, "My kingdom is near."

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.** —Ministry Matters

\*Opening Hymn

This Is My Father's World

59 (vs. 1, 3)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the wonders wrought.

3 Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's creatures everywhere.

\*Opening Prayer

Cheryl Cornwall

**Sharing in God's Word**

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Pastor Bob

Sermon

The Covenant Making God

Pastor Bob

\* Invitation Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness 86 (vs. 1, 2)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Call to Confession:

Pastor Bob

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession:

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, we will be honest: life is really hard right now. It is really hard to wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We are losing patience and we are losing hope and we are losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful, patient and loving. We need the gift of Lent, these 40 days to help us restore right relationships with you, with other people and with your earth. God be with us and let us pray:**

**Creating and Renewing God, whose covenant with life remains. In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes and focus our energies. As Noah rode the waves for days and weeks, as God relented and covenanted never again to destroy creation by flood—marking the heavens with the rainbow – may you again set before us your rainbow, clearing our eyes of anxiety and fear, focusing our minds on your goodness and re-orienting our whole selves to healing and wholeness. May I be in right relationship with you and may I join with others in curbing the spread of COVID, overcoming violence and injustice and engaging in acts of compassion. In Jesus's name I pray. Amen.**



Prayer after Communion:

**Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\*Closing Hymn: Peace Be Yours CP 190  
Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through, blessing and mercy and wholeness too. May God's peace be yours.

Peace be yours as you scatter from here. Anywhere you go, God is always near, loving and calming your deepest fear. May God's peace be yours.

\*Benediction Pastor Rick

Postlude

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### **This Week at Central Woodward**

For more calendar details, check  
centralwoodward.org/calendar.

Sun Feb 21 10:30a	Worship Service (Both in-person and online)
Wed Feb 24 1:30p	Bible Study with Pastor Bob
Thur Feb 25 7:00p	Bible Study with John McCauslin
Sun Feb 28 10:30a	Worship Service (Both in-person and online)
Sun Mar 7 10:30a	Worship Service (Both in-person and online)

### **Prayer Requests**

**Health, Healing & Support:**  
Nancy Fisher, Dan Potter, Karin Diepholz, Susan Menko, Barbra Arnold,  
Christian Church Michigan Region

***CWCC provides a confidential prayer chain. Contact Marge at margeham@att.net or 586-799-7360 for more information.***

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

<b>Sunday, February 28</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> Sermon: The Covenant of Promise Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	<b>Sunday, March 7</b> <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Sermon: Covenant Rules and Regulations Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
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