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

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

**February 28, 2021**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**The Church Gathers**

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Bob

\*Call to Worship

Carol Cooper

L: The promises of God are like bulbs deep in the soil,

**P: God is making all things new.**

L: The promises of God are like crocuses peeking out of the snow,

**P: God is making all things new.**

L: The promises of God are like fresh turned earth,

**P: God is making all things new.**

L: The promises of God are all around us, though we cannot perceive it yet—

**P: God is making all things new.**

L: Come, worship our God, for we know the seasons will change,

**P: And our God will make all things new.** —Rev-o-lution Resources by Rev. Mindi

Welton-Mitchell

\*Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

16 (vs. 1, 3)

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

\*Opening Prayer

Carol Cooper

**Sharing in God's Word**

Scripture

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pastor Bob

Sermon

The Covenant of Promise

Pastor Bob

1 The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,  
who was and is and is to be, is still the same;  
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears;  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!

3 God has eternal life implanted in the soul.  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

Call to Confession:

Pastor Bob

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God in honesty and with our whole hearts, to admit our sins, and to accept forgiveness. Let us make our confession together:

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sins we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our faults, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Friends, Brothers and Sisters, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure and as Abram and Sarai were given heirs beyond number in their old age, so you are also included in God's Love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Amen.

### **Giving and Receiving Gifts**

Hymn of Preparation:

In This Very Room

295 (vs. 1, 3)

1. In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me;

*Refrain:* and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

3. In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world; (refrain)

Call to Stewardship

Pastor Rick

*Stewardship is an important part of Christian life; our financial offerings not only support the ministry of the church but serve as an expression of faith and trust in the God who provides. For in-person worship, please place your offerings in the baskets at the back of the church upon exiting. For those worshipping online, you may mail in your offerings or use our Givelify app, which you can find on the website.*

Call to Communion and Words of Institution

Pastor Rick

Prayer

Elder

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup:

*For in-person worship, you may use your own elements or the pre-packaged elements of bread and juice. If worshipping online, we invite you to participate using elements from home.*

Prayer after Communion:

**We come to the Table as children of Abraham and Sarah, who share in the blessings promised to them and their descendants. We are heirs of this promise through our relationship with Jesus the Christ. May our time at the Table with Jesus, empower us to carry forward the blessings of this promise. Amen.** (RDC)

\*Closing Hymn:

Peace Be Yours

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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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**We are an open and affirming congregation.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>This Week at Central Woodward</u></b>  For more calendar details, check  centralwoodward.org/calendar.</p> <p>Sun Feb 28 10:30a    Worship Service (Both in-person and online)</p> <p>Wed Mar 3 1:30p    Bible Study with Pastor Bob</p> <p>Thur Mar 4 7:00p    Bible Study with John McCauslin</p> <p>Sun Mar 7 10:30a    Worship Service (Both in-person and online)</p> <p>Sun Mar 14 10:30a    Worship Service (Both in-person and online)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b>  <b>Health, Healing &amp; Support:</b>  Nancy Fisher, Dan Potter, Karin Diepholz, Susan Menko, Barbra Arnold,  Christian Church Michigan Region</p> <p><b><i>CWCC provides a confidential prayer chain. Contact Marge at margeham@att.net or 586-799-7360 for more information.</i></b></p>
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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

<p><b>Sunday, March 7</b>  <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>  Sermon: Covenant Rules and Regulations  Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 14</b>  <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>  Sermon: A Covenant of Healing  Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9</p>
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Please join us for the Zoom Coffee Hour after the service:  
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