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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Bob

*Call to Worship

Deann Balogh

L: Be still and know that God is.

P: God was, also, in the beginning.

L: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be worshiped. —Liturgy in Life

*Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free; to take away transgressions, and rule in equity.

4 To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend, his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove. His name shall stand for ever; that name to us is Love.

*Opening Prayer

Deann Balogh

Sharing in God's Word

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pastor Bob

Sermon

A Heart Felt Covenant

Pastor Bob

* Invitation Hymn:

Change My Heart, O God

CP86

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.

Change my heart, O God.

CALL TO CONFESSION: We come to you this morning with full hearts—hearts that carry so much sorrow, worry and guilt that we forget the promise you engraved there. In this time, we recommit our hearts to you God, trusting in your grace and mercy. Let us make our confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we often feel so frail, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all our loneliness and disappointments. Help us to rediscover that covenant in our hearts and keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into your image. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE:

Friends, Brothers and Sisters, Hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved, healed and made whole. God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. In God's love, we are forgiven. Be at peace, Amen.

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation:

In Remembrance of Me

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1. In remembrance of me eat this bread. In remembrance of me drink this wine. In remembrance of me pray for the time when God's own will is done.

2. In remembrance of me heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.

Chorus: Take, eat and be comforted; drink and remember too. That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Call to Stewardship

Pastor Bob

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 worshiping online, you may mail in your offerings or use our Givelify app, which you can find on the website.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen —Common Worship

*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 Bob

Postlude

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We are an open and affirming congregation.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>This Week at Central Woodward</u> For more calendar details, check centralwoodward.org/calendar.</p> <p>Sun Mar 21 10:30a Worship Service (Both in-person and online)</p> <p>Wed Mar 24 1:30p Bible Study with Pastor Bob</p> <p>Thur Mar 25 7:00p Bible Study with John McCauslin</p> <p>Sun Mar 28 10:30a Worship Service (Both in-person and online)</p> <p>Thurs Apr 1 7:00a Maundy Thursday Joint Worship Service Online with Northminster and First Presbyterian, Troy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Health, Healing & Support: Nancy Fisher, Dan Potter, Karin Diepholz, Susan Menko, Barbra Arnold, Christian Church Michigan Region</p> <p><i>CWCC provides a confidential prayer chain. Contact Marge at margeham@att.net or 586-799-7360 for more information.</i></p>
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Sunday Worship Schedule

<p>Sunday, March 28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sermon: God's Steadfast Love Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</p>	<p>Sunday, April 4 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Sermon: Death Has Met Its Match Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, Isaiah 25:6-9</p>
<p>Central Woodward Christian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.</p>	<p>Central Woodward is signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.</p> <p>https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/MjEyODA=/selection</p>

Please join us for the Zoom Coffee Hour after the service:

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