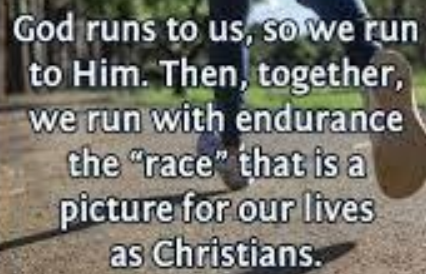


Running Toward the God Who Is Running to Us

A photograph of a person's legs and feet in motion, running on a paved path. The person is wearing blue athletic pants and white sneakers. The background shows a blurred green landscape with trees and a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

God runs to us, so we run
to Him. Then, together,
we run with endurance
the “race” that is a
picture for our lives
as Christians.

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March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

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March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

*Call to Worship

Diana Payton

L: We come to worship God, not to boast in ourselves.

P: Our wisdom, our might, our wealth – all these are gifts from God.

L: If we must boast, then let us boast in this:

P: We come, to understand and know God, to honor God's sovereign majesty.

L: God acts with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth

P: In these things God takes delight.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.

All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near. Join me in in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been granted in what God ordaineth.

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.

Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with great love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again. Gladly for ever sing praises.

*Invocation Prayer

Diana Payton

Sharing in God's Word

Anthem

The Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 5:1-3, 11b-32 Diana Payton

Sermon God Moves...Down the Road Pastor Paul

*Invitation Hymn: Jesus Calls us O'er the Tumult 337

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me";

2 Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation: Come, You Disconsolate 502

1 Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel!

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish:
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

3 Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above:
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Call to Stewardship Deann Balogh

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, found on the website.

Call to Communion and Words of Institution John McCauslin

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:

Jesus Christ invites all who are present, in person and online, to join with him at the communion table. 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:

God of love, you have sent your Holy Spirit to be with us as we have remembered Jesus, your divine love in human form. We have, by faith, feasted on his body and blood which he freely sacrificed on the cross for his friends. In this, make us to be his body in the life of the world. Through the same Jesus Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service 461

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

*Benediction

Pastor Paul

Postlude

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This Week at Central Woodward

For more calendar details, check
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Sun Mar 27 10:30a Worship Service (In-person
and online.)

11:45a Youth Sunday School
Adult Sunday School

Wed Mar 30 1:30p Bible Study

Thur Mar 31 7:00p Book Study

Sun April 3 10:30a Worship Service (In-person
and online.)

11:45a Youth Sunday School
Adult Sunday School

Sun April 10 10:30a Worship Service (In-person
Palm Sunday and online.)

11:45a Youth Sunday School
Adult Sunday School

Prayer Requests

Health, Healing & Support:

Karin Diepholz, Nancy Fisher,
David Heym, Ruth Mills,
Fran Precup, Dick Zimmerman,
CWCC's Pastoral Search Team,
CWCC in this transitional time,
Christian Church Michigan Region

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7360 for more information.***

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Sermon: God Moves... to Empty Ourselves

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 23: 1-49

Sermon: God Moves... to the Cross

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