



May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

****Masks are required for in-person worship.****

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The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

*Call to Worship

Jane Schwab

L: Grateful hearts need no special season to offer thanks to God.

P: Life abundant is itself reason for praise.

L: In the face of Love's mysteries, given such bountiful expression, what gifts of praise have we?

P: We have gifts enough for praise: Our hands, our strength, our singing hearts.

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn:

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise we with gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

*Invocation Prayer

Jane Schwab

Sharing in God's Word

Anthem

The Chancel Choir

Scripture

Acts 9:36–43

Jane Schwab

Sermon

An Astonishing Imitation

Pastor Paul

[Refrain:]

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts. [Refrain]

2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love. [Refrain]

3 Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother,
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. [Refrain]

4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation: When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

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1 When aimless violence takes those we love,
when random death strikes childhood's promise down,
when wrenching loss becomes our daily bread,
we know, O God, you leave us not alone.

2 When passing years rob sight and strength and mind
yet fail to still a strongly beating heart,
and grief becomes the fabric of our days,
dear God, you do not stand from us apart.

3 Our faith may flicker low, and hope grow dim,
yet you, O God, are with us in our pain;
you grieve with us and for us day by day,
and with us, sharing sorrow, will remain.

4 Because your Child knew agony and loss,
felt desolation, grief, and scorn and shame,
we know you will be with us, come what may,
your loving presence near, always the same.

Call to Stewardship

Elder

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, found on the website.

Call to Communion and Words of Institution

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.

Distributing the Elements

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 worshiping online, we invite you to participate using elements from home.

Prayer after Communion:

We have received from your hand, O God, bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and juice to gladden our spirits. May these signs of Christ's presence fill our lives with such gratitude that we are encouraged to spread the joy wherever we go. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

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Let us now depart in they peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Paul

Postlude

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We are an open and affirming congregation.

This Week at Central Woodward

For more calendar details, check
centralwoodwardchristian.com/calendar

Sun May 8	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online)
<i>Mother's Day</i>		Youth Sunday School
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Woodward Hills
Wed May 11	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Thur May 12	7:00 pm	Book Study
Sat May 14	10:00 am	Outdoor Cleanup Day
Sun May 15	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online)
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School
Sun May 22	10:30 am	Worship Service Youth Sunday School (In person and online)
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School

Prayer Requests

Health, Healing & Support:

Nancy Fisher, David Heym,
Ruth Mills, Fran Precup,
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CWCC in this transitional time,
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Region

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confidential prayer chain.***

*Contact Marge at
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7360 for more information.*

Sunday Worship Schedule

<p>Sunday, May 15 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Scripture: Acts 11:1–8 Sermon: An Unexpected Change of Menu</p>	<p>Sunday, May 22 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Scripture: Acts 16:1–15 Sermon: An Amazing Detour</p>
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