



September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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We are an open and affirming congregation.

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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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

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The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

*Call to Worship

Deann Balogh

Sing a new song to our God!

Songs of celebration, songs of joy!

Gather all the melodies together into one great harmony of praise.

Let the music of our hearts become part of God's great song,
pulsing through all creation.

Sing a new song to our God!

*Opening Hymn:

You Servants of God

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1 You servants of God, your Savior proclaim, and publish abroad that wonderful name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; who, sovereign and glorious, now rules over all.

2 God's truth reaches high, almighty to save; and yet remains nigh: God's presence we
have.

The great congregation God's triumphs shall praise, ascribing salvation to Jesus always.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud for what God has done.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim; still veiling their faces, they worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and render God's right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

*Invocation Prayer

Deann Balogh

Sharing in God's Word

Anthem

The Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

Deann Balogh

Sermon

Disciples Resist Greed

Pastor Paul

*Invitation Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 595

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation: We Are an Offering (sing 2x through) CP152

1 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

2 Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives. They are yours, we are an offering

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

Call to Stewardship

Anne McCauslin

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

Anne McCauslin

Prayer

Anne 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.

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:

O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus the Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. So, renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

*Benediction

Pastor Paul

Postlude

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This Week at Central Woodward

For more calendar details, check
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Sun Sept 18	10:30 am	Worship Service Youth Sunday School (In person and online)
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School
Weds Sept 21	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Sat Sept 24	8:00 am	All-Church Retreat
Sun Sept 25	10:30 am	Worship Service Youth Sunday School (In person and online)
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School
Sun Oct 2	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,
Dick Zimmerman,
CWCC's Pastoral Search Team,
CWCC in this transitional time,
Christian Church Michigan
Region

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confidential prayer chain.
Please contact Pam Brininger at
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information.***

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 25 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Sermon: Making Peace	Sunday, October 2 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Sermon: Disciples Take Their Faith Home
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