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Twenty-fourth 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

Shirley Koebbe

Rejoice in our God always!

Again, I say, rejoice!

For God has gathered us together

from all the corners of the earth

to be present now,

and to know the joyful unity

of being one with Christ.

Rejoice in our God always!

Again, I say, rejoice!

*Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised!

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

*Invocation Prayer

Shirley Koebbe

Sharing in God's Word

Scripture

Colossians 1:11-20

Shirley Koebbe

Sermon

Giving Ultimate Allegiance

Pastor Paul

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 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation:

One Piece of Bread

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One piece of bread, blessing it he said: "Take and eat the portion broken for you. Come to the Lord, hunger nevermore." So our souls were fed, one piece of bread.

One cup of wine flowing from the vine, "Take and drink the portion shed for your sins, poured out like rain. Never thirst again, share this life of mine," one cup of wine.

One Father sent his only Son. One Spirit and the three are one. One body and he bids us, "Come, be my guest, be my guest."

One quiet room where our hearts commune, where our souls are fed, one piece of bread.

One Father sent his only Son. One spirit and the three are one. One table in the wilderness, "Be my guest, be my guest."

"Come and receive, all who will believe. Share this life of mine, one cup of wine. Let your souls be fed, one piece of bread."

Call to Offering

Pastor Paul

Giving 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

Pastor Paul

Prayer

Pastor Paul

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

Prayer after Communion

As we have gathered around your table, Lord, we thank you for renewing our faith, strengthening our hope, and kindling our love. Through the power of the living Christ, at work in us, grant that we shall walk in newness of life. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain:

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

(Refrain)

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.

(Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory. (Refrain)

*Benediction

Pastor Paul

Postlude

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**Stay after the service today for a church-wide Thanksgiving dinner,
followed by a church-wide decorating party!**

<p><u>This Week at Central Woodward</u> For more calendar details, check centralwoodwardchristian.com/calendar</p>			<p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Health, Healing & Support: Nancy Fisher, David Heym, Fran Precup, Dick Zimmerman, CWCC's Pastoral Search Team, CWCC in this transitional time, Christian Church Michigan Region</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CWCC provides a confidential prayer chain. Please contact Pam Bringer at 248-650-3875 for more information.</i></p>		
Sun Nov 20	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School <i>Thanksgiving Dinner following the service, and church decorating following the dinner!</i>			
Thur Nov 24		Thanksgiving Day			
Sun Nov 27	10:30 am	Worship Service <i>Hanging of the Greens Service</i> (In person and online) Youth Sunday School			
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School			
Sun Dec 4	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School			

Sunday Worship Schedule

<p>Sunday, November 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Hanging of the Greens Service</i> Scripture: Jeremiah 23:5-6, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 53:1-6, John 1:1-5, 9-14</p>	<p>Sunday, December 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13 Sermon: A Tangible Hope</p>
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