



January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

*Call to Worship

John McCauslin

Rejoice in Yahweh always!

Again, we say, rejoice!

For Yahweh 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 Yahweh always!

Again, I say rejoice! Amen!

*Opening Hymn:

We Call Ourselves Disciples

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1 We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.

We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.

As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.

In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

2 The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.

Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.

When gathered at the table we hear our common call.

3 We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.

In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.

Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

4 We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
to share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
to work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

5 So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.

From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

*Invocation Prayer

John McCauslin

Sharing in God's Word

Scripture	Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John McCauslin
Sermon	God's Promise of Faithfulness	Pastor Paul
*Invitation Hymn	Seek Ye First	354
1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!		
2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Call to Offering		Elder
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Hymn of Preparation	We Come as Guests Invited	386
1 We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.		
2 We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.		
3 One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.		

Call to Communion and Words of Institution		Elder
Prayer		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 worshipping online, we invite you to participate using elements from home.

Prayer after Communion

We are grateful, Yahweh, that you do not hold our sin against us, let us not forget your love as we leave this table. Grant that in each living moment we shall consider ourselves dead to sin and alive in Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Spirit Song

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1 O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2 O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Pastor Paul

Postlude

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This Week at Central Woodward

For more calendar details, check
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Sun Jan 15	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School
Wed Jan 18	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Thur Jan 19	7:00 pm	Book Study
Sun Jan 22	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School
Sun Jan 29	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School

Prayer Requests

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

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confidential prayer chain.
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information.***

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 22 <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> Scripture: Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matthew 4:12-23 Sermon: God's Promise of Ministry	Sunday, January 29 <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> Scripture: Psalm 15, Matthew 5:1-12 Sermon: God's Promise of Blessing
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