



January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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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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The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

*Call to Worship

Rial Hamann

God calls us out of our isolation to join hands with our sisters and brothers in this community of faith.

God calls us out of our confusion to speak to us from the Word and to inspire us by the Spirit.

God calls us out of our sin to cleanse us through the Jesus and to enhance our lives with beauty and usefulness.

Amen!

*Opening Hymn:

Here I Am, Lord

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

*Invocation Prayer

Rial Hamann

Sharing in God's Word

Scripture

Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matthew 4:12-23

Rial Hamann

Sermon

God's Promise of Ministry

Pastor Paul

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Call to Offering

John McCauslin

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Hymn of Preparation

I Come With Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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.

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

You come to set our spirits aglow, God. For this we are grateful. Send us from this table to be genuine in our love and constant in our prayers. Grant that we may not lack in zeal but rejoice in hope. Let our love be genuine. Amen.

*Closing Hymn Holy Ground 112

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*Benediction Pastor Paul

Postlude

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This Week at Central Woodward

For more calendar details, check
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Sun Jan 22	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School
Wed Jan 25	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Thur Jan 26	7:00 pm	Book Study
Sun Jan 29	10:30 am	Worship Service (In person and online) Youth Sunday School
Sun Feb 5	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.***

*Please contact Pam Bringer at
248-650-3875 for more
information.*

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 29 <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Scripture: Psalm 15, Matthew 5:1-12 Sermon: God's Promise of Blessing	Sunday, February 5 <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Scripture: Psalm 112:1-10, Matthew 5:13-20 Sermon: God's Promise of Guidance
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