

\*RINGING OF THE BELLS  
POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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**Central UMC –Lake Odessa Sermon Notes October 1, 2017**

**Theme: THE “I AM” SAYING OF CHRIST—“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”**

**Text: John 6:35, 48, 51**

**Rev. Dominic Tommy**

**Introduction**

**What does it mean when Jesus says “I am the bread of life”?**

**1. There is Grace of Eternal Life in the Bread Life (vs. 27)**

*“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal.”*

**2. There is Grace of Sufficiency in the Bread of Life (vs.30-33).**

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”*

**3. There is Grace of Satisfaction in the Bread of Life (vs. 34-35, 48, 51)**

*“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.”*

*Prayer:*

**Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!**

**Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

**O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes, and make me see:  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.**

*--Words of Mary A. Lathbury, 1877*

**Welcome to**



**Central Church**

**Our Mission**

***Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the  
Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.***

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# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## World Communion Service

October 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.*

*Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

### INTROIT

“Living for Jesus” vs. 1-3

TFWS 2149

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 2:14-22; 4:3-6; Colossians 3:15; 1 John 4:7)

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make, for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

**With his own body he broke down the walls of separation. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.**

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

\*OPENING HYMN:

“Holy, Holy”

TFWS 2039

*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison)

*(Be seated)*

**O loving, sovereign God, whose reign extends round the globe  
and beyond, we rejoice in your far-flung greatness;  
we give thanks for your unending goodness.**

**In all the corners of the earth, you are faithfully building your church:  
in crowded Indian villages, in sunny Caribbean islands,  
in remote Chinese hamlets, in busy South African townships,  
in racially diverse North American cities.**

**We give thanks for vast embrace of your love, for the multicolored church  
you are creating. Grant, O God, that we may truly be one church with one  
baptism, one hope, in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
to the end of the age, to the praise of God’s glory. Amen**

ANTHEM

“He is the Bread of Life”

Chancel Choir

*Parks, arr. by Mercer*

### SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

### And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying,  
“Peace be with you” and your neighbor says “And also with you”)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are dismissed to the Nursery  
downstairs immediately following the *Children’s Moment*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**Lord of life, you promise abundant life to all who live together in Christ.**

**We offer these gifts as a sign of our desire to share**

**our resources for the common good and building of your kingdom.**

**We humbly ask that you use them to strengthen our unity, deepen**

**our witness and your healing presence in this needy world. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER AND  
PASTORAL PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal 882

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in  
the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*Please Remain standing for the Reading of God’s Word.*

\*SCRIPTURE:

John 6:30-41

Pew Bible, NT pg 92

SERMON:

“THE SAYING OF CHRIST: “I Am”” Rev. Dominic Tommy

“I am the Bread of Life”

\*HYMN:

“There is a Redeemer”

On screen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, Words of Institution, The Lord’s  
Prayer, Giving of the Bread and the Cup

\*CLOSING HYMN

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Hymnal 428

\*BENEDICTION

Choral Response “Lord Be Glorified”

TFWS 2150

Verse 1 (first Sunday)

**In my life, Lord**

**Be glorified be glorified**

**In my life Lord**

**Be glorified today**

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On **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, all women of the Church are invited to an Amish Dinner in an Amish home in Vermontville. The cost is \$12. We will plan to meet at the church at 11:00 and carpool to Vermontville. After dinner, we will drive to and tour the Sunnycrest Youth Ranch in Sunfield. Reservations and money need to be turned in by Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, to Terri Catt or Thelma Curtis; we need a minimum of 20 women to hold the lunch.

The annual UMW Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is this weekend! The church will be open at the following times to drop off your items: **Monday and Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am to 5pm; Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 9pm.** Bake sale items only should be dropped off Thursday (9am to 4pm) for pricing. Please contact Terri Catt if you have questions (480-231-7785).

*Your help is needed!* If anyone can stay after fellowship time today to help set up tables and racks, it would be greatly appreciated. Help will also be needed on Saturday, after the sale, to help pack up the remainder of items. "Many hands make light work."

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You are reminded to check the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall to sign-up for various activities you can help with. Sunday morning Coffee Hour is the center of our weekly connectional life. Our prayer is that families and individuals will sign-up weekly to provide coffee and fellowship moments without interruptions on any Sunday. Please consider this ministry as part of community moments for members and friends worshipping with us here at Central. There are also many openings for greeters, nursery, and altar flowers.

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*Change of Address & Phone:*

**Ed Reiser 269-795-1323**  
c/o Carveth Village  
690 W. Main St., Room 166  
Middleville, MI 49333

*Change of Phone Number:*

**Bonnie Leak 616-902-9756**

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Prayer Calendars are now available on ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall.

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**MINISTER:** Every Member of This Church  
**PASTOR:** Rev. Dominic Tommy  
**SECRETARY:** Kim Stoepker  
**ORGANIST:** Marilyn Noffke  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Jackie Spagnuolo  
**CUSTODIANS:** Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela  
**TODAY'S SERVICE:**

**Worship Assistant**  
Shelly Reiser

**Audio/Visual**

**Today:** Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft  
**Next Sunday:** Same

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Today:** Ray & Mary Dykhouse  
**Next Sunday:** Open

**Greeters**

**Today:** Elaine Garlock / Dale Mossburg / Carolyn Jackson  
**Next Sunday:** Same

**Nursery**

**Today:** Andrea Gentner / Karen Avery  
**Next Sunday:** Judy Freidhoff / Eunice Goodemoot

**Ushers**

**Today:** John Gentner / Mark Corston  
**Next Sunday:** Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by  
Bonnie Leak.*

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call  
Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell  
(269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Marian (Curtis) Klein      Helen Miller      Bonnie Leak  
Family of Hortencia Gallardo      Special friend Taylor      Wayne Brown  
Family of young man      Family of Joe Gaipa      Unspokens  
Praise: Patti Cooreman; Men's Emmaus walk

**Continued in Prayer**

Sgt. Branden Curtis      Karl Klynstra      Gary Smith  
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston      Toni Robinson      Ed Hilliker  
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr      Dale Patterson      Hank Minenna  
1SG Nicholas Ludema      Phylis Armstrong      Susan Steele  
PFC Jason Hilley      Pam Coleman      Sharon Brink  
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow      Terena Galaviz      Ross McDowell  
Brian Rayner      Travis Tucker and family      Judi Brandon  
Bonnie Leak      Kim Seese      Patti Coorman

**Our Special Friends**

Leah Abbott      Margot Bailey      Ada Dennie  
Lois Goodmoot      Joanne McDaniels      Phil Shetterly  
Ed Reiser

**Our Partners In Ministry**

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Stockbridge  
Pleasant Valley United Brethren in Christ Church

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

10/03 Marian Durkee  
10/07 Lauren Freidhoff

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*I would like to thank all the UMW Ladies for the wonderful surprise with making me the Woman with A Heart Award recipient; it truly was a surprise and also thanks for inviting our family to join in on the surprise. Thanks Again! ~~Mary Dykhouse*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship this morning. (Gluten-free and additive-free elements are available.) All are welcome at the Table.*

**EVENTS**

Mon 10/2      **Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee** – Lounge      10:00 am  
                 **Administrative Council Meeting** – Fellowship Hall      7 pm  
                 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom      7 pm  
Tue 10/3      **Fresh Food Distribution** – Back parking lot      2 pm  
                 **Worship Committee** – Lounge      7 pm  
Wed 10/4      Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary      7 pm  
Thu 10/5      *No Respite Care or Souper Thursday Community Dinner*  
Fri 10/6      *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*  
                 **Rummage Sale** – Fellowship Hall      9 am to 8 pm  
Sat 10/7      **Rummage Sale** – Fellowship Hall      9 am to 12 pm  
Sun 10/8      Sunday School – classrooms      9:30-10:15 am  
                 Worship Service – *Sanctuary*      10:30 am  
Mon 10/9      **Missions Committee** – Front Room      9 am  
                 **Blood Drive** – Fellowship Hall      12-5:45 pm  
                 **Board of Trustees** – Lounge      7 pm  
                 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom      7 pm  
Wed 10/11      **Friendship Group** – Fellowship Hall      9 am–12 pm  
                 Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary      7 pm  
Thu 10/12      Respite Care – Lounge      1:30 pm  
                 Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall      4:30-6 pm  
Fri 10/13      *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*  
Sun 10/15      Sunday School – classrooms      9:30-10:15 am  
                 Worship Service – *Sanctuary*      10:30 am

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Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, from 6 to 8:15 pm.** It will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Mark the date on your calendar; *we encourage all of our members to attend.*

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