

**Theme: Promises & Words to Live By:**

**“Finding Your Well of Hope” Rev. Dominic Tommy**

Text: Genesis 21:8-21

1. Intro/Context
2. Hagar experienced
  - a) Unforgiving Rejection
  - b) Hopeless realities of Life
3. Understand Hidden Resources (vs.17-21)
4. There is a Well of Hope (Genesis 21:12-19)  
What is in the Well?

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 41:10; 43:2

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ John 14:27; Philippians 4:7

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 37:25

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 3:20, Isaiah 55:8-9

Note these Verses as you go around this week:

<sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

<sup>18</sup> Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. Genesis 21:17-19 (ESV)

# 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

## Worship Celebration Service

January 28, 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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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 "Surely Goodness and Mercy" Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (selected—Promise of Hope for Heaven)

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. "

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.**

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**

\*OPENING HYMN "As the Deer" On Screen  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**God, across the ages, you have called so many people – Adam and Eve in the cool of an afternoon; Ezekiel by the river Chebar; Isaiah in the temple; Samuel while he slept in the middle of the night; Peter, James, John, and others while they prepared for fishing. Lord, are you calling us? From your call comes direction, guidance, correction, instruction, enlightenment, loving relationships, new missions, experiences of worship, acts of care, and a universal fellowship bearing your holy name. O God, please don't ever quit calling us – even when we have trouble hearing, when we are slow to respond, or when obedience to your call involves discomfort and trouble. Call us now, God. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Chancel Choir  
*Heather Sorenson*

### 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 welcome to leave for the nursery downstairs after 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

**O God, you are bread for our hunger, water for our thirst, comfort for our grief, and salve for our hurt. You are light for our journey, breath for our fatigue, presence for our loneliness, and help for every need. O God, you call us to be for others who you are for us. We give you thanks now, and commit ourselves to meriting your trust. Bless the gifts we bring, use it for Your glory. Amen**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG "Fill My Cup" On Screen

*Please stand for the reading of God's word, as you are able.*

\*SCRIPTURE Genesis 21:8-21 Pew Bible OT 16

SERMON "Promises and Words to Live By: Rev. Dominic Tommy  
*"Promises of Hope—Finding Your Living Well"*

\*CLOSING HYMN: "It is Well with My Soul" vs 1,3,4 Hymnal 377

### \*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" v. 1 Hymnal 672

God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

### POSTLUDE

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

Please pick up your Contributor Statements for 2017 and Offering Envelopes for 2018 if you have not already done so. They are available in the Fellowship Hall.

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### Looking Forward to Lent and Easter

These activities are offered to you and your family for your Lenten walk here at Central Church:

- **Fat Tuesday Celebration** – Sunday, February 11, following worship
- **Ash Wednesday service** – February 14 at 6 pm
- **Six-week Lenten Bible Study** – Beginning February 20 (see caption below).
- **Palm Sunday Service** – March 25, 10:30 am Celebration Worship. *Parents and grandparents: Please bring your children for the Palm Sunday Parade.*
- **Holy Thursday Service** – March 29 at 6 pm (Choir Room)
- **Community Good Friday Service** – March 30 at 1 pm
- **Easter Sunday Service** – April 1 at 10:30 am

#### Lenten Bible Study by Pastor Dominic Tommy

Topic: **NAMES OF GOD—investing and Appreciating God's Name**

In the Bible, God reveals Himself to us through various names. In this 13-lesson study of the names of God, the names will be studied in order, as God progressively reveals Himself through dispensations. From studying these 13 names of God, you will have a wonderful "Lenten journey into knowing God."

Lesson titles include: *The God Who Created You, When You Are Afraid, A Name You Need To Remember, When You Really Know God, When You Feel God Doesn't Care, Experiencing God's Power, When Life Seems Unfair, Don't Worry—Trust God, Receiving God's Healing, Enlisting God in Life's Battles, Finding Inner Peace, When You Feel Guilty, and When You Feel All Alone.*

This will be a part of the Lenten Experience for you. We'll divide it into two parts for 6-weeks of learning and fellowship. Class begins at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays from February 20 through March 27. Each session will last 90 minutes. We will meet in the Sunday School classroom upstairs.

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

#### Audio/Visual

Today: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser  
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft

#### Coffee Fellowship

Today: Pat / Betty  
Next Sunday: Open

#### Greeters

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff / Mark Corston  
Next Sunday: Marcia Bytwerk / Dodie Denman / Warren Courtney

#### Nursery

Today: Judy Freidhoff / Jane Kostanko  
Next Sunday: Dawn Deardorff / Penny Thelen

#### Ushers

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff / Mark Corston  
Next Sunday: Dick Nelson / Warren Courtney

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### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Martin Kendregan	Peg Cusack	Cheryl
Patsy Cole	Ron Walkington	Bonnie Leak

*Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, and cards after Bill's death.  
They were greatly appreciated. Love, Pat Wilson and family*

#### Continued in Prayer

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

#### Our Special Friends

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

#### Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Dimondale UMC, Dimondale  
First Congregational Church, Lake Odessa

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

1/29	Gordon Bylsma	1/31	Bonnie Leak
1/30	Jayden Gibbs	2/2	Dodie Denman

### **United Methodist Women (UMW) News**

#### **Next Event:**

#### **Unit General Meeting**

Monday, February 12, 2018, 1:30 pm

Church Lounge

Hostess: UMW Officers

Program: Elaine Garlock, "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial"

*If you are not a member but have questions or would like to become a member, please see one of the officers for more information.*

### EVENTS

Mon 1/29	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/30	Lakewood Community Council – Front Room <b>Worship Committee</b> – Lounge	4 pm <b>7 pm</b>
Wed 1/31	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 2/1	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/2	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 2/2	Sunday School - Classrooms Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am 10:30 am
Mon 2/5	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 2/6	<b>Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee</b> <b>Fresh Food Distribution</b> – back parking lot	<b>10 am</b> 2 pm
Wed 2/7	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 2/8	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/9	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 2/11	Sunday School - Classrooms Worship Service – Sanctuary <b>Fat Tuesday Celebration</b> – Fellowship Hall	9:30 am 10:30 am <i>following worship</i>
Mon 2/12	<b>Missions Committee</b> – Front Room <b>UMW General Meeting</b> – Church Lounge <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> – Fellowship Hall AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	<b>9 am</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> 12:00-5:45 pm 7 pm
Wed 2/14	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> – Sanctuary	9 am <b>6 pm</b>
Thu 2/15	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm

**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.**