

A Creed of Baptismal Faith

(inspired by Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23,
Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-6)

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

**I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptized in the waters of the Jordan.**

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

**I believe that those who are baptized into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.**

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

**I believe that this believing is a gift from God,
not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service the world**

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God,
the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.
**With the help of God,
I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen!**

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 Sunday & Celebration of New Life through Baptism

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 2018

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.

*PRAISING THE LORD “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” On screen
(please be seated)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 127)

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for unless the LORD builds the house, the builder labors in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

*OPENING HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation” Hymnal 545
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM “Trust in the Lord” Chancel Choir
by Mary McDonald

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”)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(see insert for Liturgy)*

Allison Elaine Singh
Matthew & Ashley Singh, Parents

Hymn “Baptized in Water” TFWS 2248
“Jesus Loves Me this I Know” vs 1,2 Hymnal 191

(No Children’s Moment but children are asked to remain in the Sanctuary during baptismal ceremony.)

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY “All to Jesus I Surrender” vs 1, refrain Hymnal 354

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you’ve given each one of us unique gifts and abilities and have called us to unique settings—our homes, schools, neighborhoods and places of employment. Just as You used Joseph’s abilities to fulfill Your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that You would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Use them—and us—as You see fit so that, through us, Your Kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

GLORIA PATRI

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of God’s Word

*SCRIPTURE John 17:1-5, 20-26 Pew Bible pg 105

SERMON “Jesus’ Last Testament-That All May Be One” Rev. Dominic Tommy

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, Giving of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN “The Summons” TFWS 2130
“And Can It Be” Hymnal 363

(Communion will be served to those unable to come forward, stay in your seat.)

*CLOSING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal” vs 1-3 Hymnal 580

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

The Family of God

I’m so glad I’m a part of the Family of God,
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family,
The Family of God.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*

UMW News: The UMW Outing for the 50's lunch at Mel's Diner in Mulliken tomorrow, October 8th, will cost \$12. Meet at the Church at 11:45 to carpool. Also note, it is not handicap accessible.

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New Bible Study: Starting Wednesday, October 10th, a new women's Bible study will begin, "Dance, Stand and Run" by Jess Connolly. We will meet in the lounge and start with a light dinner at 5:00, followed by study from 5:30 to 6:30. This will run for 6 weeks. No sign-up required; just join us if you can.

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Zion Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **Swiss Steak Dinner** on Saturday, October 13, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. A freewill offering will go to the Lakewood Community Council to fund projects such as the Christmas baskets, fuel shut-off prevention, and the Lakewood Ministerial Association Benevolence Fund. All are invited to enjoy good food, good fellowship, and a very good cause

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Next Sunday, October 14, **Missionaries Mary and Brendan Webb**, serving in the Arabian Peninsula, will be visiting our congregation and participating in worship service. They plan to share their experiences and their visions for serving those in an area known for poverty and tragedy, and particularly about the Yemen situation. A potluck will follow service so we may continue conversations with the Webbs. We hope everyone will join us on this special Sunday and show our support for their love and dedication to missionary work

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**Our Next Blood Drive is tomorrow:
Monday, October 8, 2018
12:00 to 5:45 pm**

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*The Staff-Parish Committee is pleased to announce the addition of **Michael Helmig** to the Central Church staff. Michael and his wife, Sheri, live in Sunfield. Michael has similar experience from the University United Methodist Church in Lansing where he was custodian for 7 years, and is also a Trustee and member of the church. Michael is a veteran and also worked for a time with the Michigan State Police. Michael will be working on a rotation schedule with Mike McCartney. Please be sure to say "hi" when you get a chance to meet him. We are very thankful to have him join our staff.*

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

Worship Leader
Karl Klynstra

Audio/Visual
Today: Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship
Today: Fellowship & Care Committee
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters
Today: Dodie Denman / Marcia Bytwerk
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery
Today: Andrea Gentner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Jean Cook / Penny Thelen

Ushers
Today: Tim Goodmoot / George Covington
Next Sunday: Same

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Runyon
Ashley and daughter Kim
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Margene
Sandy Shuert Widgery

Dale Brock

*Our prayers of love and sympathy to the families of
Pat Fisher, who passed away on September 30, 2018,
and Marj McDowell, who passed away on October 1, 2018.*

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Mary Shoemaker
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Travis Tucker and family	Kim Seese
PFC Jason Hilley	Pam Coleman	George Speas
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Armrose LaBine	Peg Cusack
Brian Rayner	Judi Brandon	Patti Coorman
Bob Durkee	Brian Harper	Arlene Lee
Warren Courtney	Marti Lind	

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Virginia Decker
Ada Dennie	Peg Faulkner	Bette Makley
Joanne McDaniels	Ed Reiser	Phil Shetterly

Our Partners In Ministry

Missionary Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Missionaries Brendan and Mary Webb, Arabian Peninsula
Robbins United Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids
Sunfield –Mulliken United Methodist Parish, Sunfield

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

10/7 Lauren Freidhoff
10/11 Lloyd Corstobn

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Upcoming Fall Activities:

- ❖ Oct. 14 Missionaries Brendan and Mary Webb in Worship & potluck after
- ❖ Oct. 21 Brunch after service, sponsored by the United Methodist Women
- ❖ Oct. 23 Annual Church Conference at 7 pm. All members of Central Church are encouraged to attend. Maps to Grand Ledge UMC are on bulletin board.
- ❖ Nov. 4 All Saints Service

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 10/8	Missions Committee – Front Room <i>Church office closing at 10:30</i>	9 am
	UMW Outing to Mel's Diner – Meet at the Church to carpool	11:45 am
	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall	12-5:45 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Wed 10/10	Friendship Group - Lounge	9 am
	Women's Bible Study – Lounge	5 pm
	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thur 10/11	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
Fri 10/12	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 10/14	Sunday School – Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Brendan & Mary Webb visiting	10:30 am
	Potluck – Fellowship Hall	<i>following worship</i>
Wed 10/17	Women's Bible Study – Lounge	5 pm
	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thur 10/18	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
Fri 10/19	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 10/21	Sunday School – Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
	Brunch by United Methodist Women	<i>immediately following worship</i>
Mon 10/22	UMW Workbee – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 10/23	Annual Church Conference – Grand Ledge UMC	7 pm
Wed 10/24	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	Women's Bible Study – Lounge	5 pm
	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thur 10/25	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm