



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, age, ability, belief, or background, whether you are single or partnered, you are God's beloved and you are welcome here.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We envision Central United Methodist Church as a vital, diverse, River of Life nurtured by the light of Christ, rooted deeply in and living the scriptures, a holy presence in the center of the City of Detroit, transforming individuals, institutions, and the world, advocating peace and justice in all we do.

* Indicates when to stand, if able in body or in spirit. **Please silence cell phones.

Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing;

SOZ = Songs of Zion; WS=Worship & Song

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Holy Spirit, Divine Breath, Wild Winds of Change

ALL: She comes to rattle all that cages,

ONE: To provoke with prophecies,

ALL: To disturb the quiet of evil's routines.

ONE: In her presence, all the earth trembles with anticipation of freedom.

ALL: A weary world is roused with hope!

ONE: She awakes the senses to the nearness of salvation.

ALL: She is the power of God poured out among us.

ONE: Come, Spirit, come!

***OPENING HYMN**

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in-the lost and forsaken, gather us in -the blind and the lame: Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

- 3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kindom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in – all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MOMENT

Arthur Park

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deaconess Anne Hillman

OPENING PRAYER

Divine Disrupter, in the heart of the ordinary, you stir and surprise. We welcome your chaos as we release instincts to control. Though evil makes rigid, oppresses with order, exploits through unjust rules and regulations, your love is a force of agitation, drawing the faithful together, rowdy with hope. May it be so among us. Amen.

ANTHEM

O Love by Elaine Hagenberg

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Though forces of evil seek to quiet and quell, God sends us the Spirit who rallies us together with expectation. In solidarity with the earth and all our neighbors, let us bring our offerings to God who makes all things new.

OFFERTORY

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name, arr. Brazeal Dennard
Soloist: Megan Mueller

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ and Holy One.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Imagination, you keep us from caving to forces that dull and discourage our hope. You enable dreams and visions and prophecies of what could become. Bless our offerings to building and creating and perceiving your Kingdom among us. In small and extraordinary ways, may we be courageous in our efforts. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

*CENTERING HYMN

Spirit of God

TFWS #2117

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do; create us anew. Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace. No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

(Refrain) **Alleluia! Come, Spirit Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit Come!**

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

2. Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things. For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

5. Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 2:1-21* The Inclusive Bible Elin Chambers

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphilia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome – all Jews, or converts to Judaism – Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk, as you think – it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

“In the days to come – it is our God who speaks –

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

Your daughters and sons will prophesy,

Your young people will see visions,

and your elders will dream dreams.

Even on the most insignificant of my people,

both women and men,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

And I will display wonders

in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below:

blood, fire, and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness

and the moon will become blood

before the coming of the

great and sublime day of our God.

And all who call upon the name

of our God will be saved.

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Who Will We Let Prophecy? Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

*CLOSING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH #404

(Refrain) Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes,
every time I feel the Spirit moving in
my heart, I will pray.

2. **Jordan river runs right cold, chills the
body, not the soul. Ain't but one train
on this track, runs to heaven and right
back. *(Refrain)***

1. **Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my
Lord if all was mine. *(Refrain)***

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

Spirit, holy and just,
She does not unify for sentimentality's sake.
She nurtures solidarity across communities:
To build righteous power.
To deepen bonds of love.
To deliver us from all that steals and kills and destroys.
That we – and all the earth – may have life.
And have it abundantly.
With this hope and this commitment,
May it be so. Amen.



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church acknowledges that the building in which we carry out our collective life together occupies and is built upon land that is part of what was first known as Waawiyaataanong (“At the curved shores.”), the ancestral and contemporary homeland of the Three Fires Confederacy, but which is now referred to as Detroit. In 1807 the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, and Wyandot nations granted use of these sovereign lands to the US government through the Treaty of Detroit. Central United Methodist Church affirms the continued Indigenous sovereignty over these lands and honors all tribes with a connection to Detroit. We commit ourselves to working together with our native brothers and sisters to advance equity in all dimensions of life and to promote a better future for the earth and all its peoples.

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