



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Easter

Mother's Day

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: We are the people of God.

ALL: Together we are family.

ONE: I am married, and single and in a covenant relationship.

ALL: We are the people of God. Together we are family.

ONE: I was married, and in a holy union, and never married, and married twice, and widowed.

ALL: We are the people of God. Together we are family.

ONE: I am older, and younger and in between, facing my first serious relationship, knowing the joy of love, enduring betrayal, tasting the grief of a dying partner.

ALL: We are the people of God. Together we are family.

ONE: I am the only child and have ten siblings and have raised two children and no children.

ALL: We are the people of God. Together we are family.

ONE: I am part of a family, the human family, the family of faith, my family of origin, the family of my choosing.

ALL: We are the people of God. Together we are family.

ONE: Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

(Tune UMH #62)

1. To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia! Your fire, bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light, sings your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia! Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way, sings your praises, alleluia! As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MOMENT

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

BLESSING ON MOTHER'S DAY (Written by Amy Young, adapted by Heidi Carrington Heath)

ANTHEM

Roll Down Justice by Mark a. Miller

Mary Morgan, Solo

Roll Down, Justice!

Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my
heart to sing your grace. Streams of jus - tice, nev - er
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of
God's un - chang - ing love!

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

Come, that compassion and care might be the law of the land. Come, that our resources might honor our planet home—the one we borrow from our children. Come, bring your offerings and gifts that they may combine and create more that we ever could on our own.

OFFERTORY

Order My Steps by Glenn Burleigh

*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

We dedicate these offerings to the young people who live with the heaviness of climate grief. To the young people whose childhoods have been shaped by a global pandemic and mass violence. To the young people whose mental and physical well-being is trampled by meanness of those in the halls of power. May our resources honor our young people, oh God. We weep for how we have not been able to protect them. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

*CENTERING HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

TFWS #2050

1. Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21 The Inclusive Bible

Dee Davis

“If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always – the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me; because I live and you will live as well.

On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Mother's Day: It's Not about the Flowers! Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

***CLOSING HYMN**

Spirit of the Living God

UMH #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

Listen to the promise Jesus makes:

I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

Even though the world will not be able to see me,

I will never vanish from your sight.

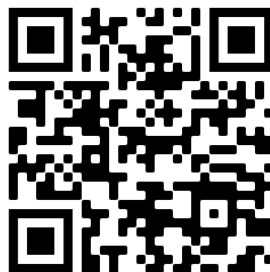
And since I live, you will also live.

Go from here in the knowledge

that you do not go alone:

the power and presence of God goes with you.

Praise be to God! 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.

(Adopted by the Ministry Team -April 22, 2021)