



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

September 17, 2023

Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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. W&S=Worship & Song
Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE AND INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson & Augustus Williamson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP)

(adapted from Fiesta Cristiana: Resources for Worship,
written and compiled by Joel N. Martinez and Raquel M. Martinez)

ONE: We give thanks for the goodness of God

ALL: For the presence of God in human history, for the nearness of God's love.

ONE: We give thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Which can change the world and make a community of peace, love, and justice among us.

*OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57

**1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my
great Redeemer's praise, the glories
of my God and Kin-, the triumphs
of God's grace!**

**7. In Christ, your head, you then
shall know, shall feel your sins
forgiven; anticipate your heaven
below, and own that love is
heaven.**

**3. Jesus! The name that charms our
fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis
life, and health, and peace.**

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739; MUSIC: Carl G. Glaser;
arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839; CCLI 2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

ANTHEM

Tu Has Venido a la Orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance Music by Phobe Knapp, Words by Fanny Crosby

***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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CENTERING HYMN

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

TFWS #2007

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you:
You are Holy, God.**

(Santo, sa-to, santo, mi corazon teadora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres, Dios!)

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

Éxodo 2:15b-22 (Reina-Valera 1995)

Eugenio Martin

pero Moisés huyó de la presencia del faraón y habitó en la tierra de Madián. Allí se sentó junto a un pozo.

16 El sacerdote de Madián tenía siete hijas, que fueron a sacar agua para llenar las pilas y dar de beber a las ovejas de su padre. 17 Pero llegaron los pastores y las echaron de allí; entonces Moisés se levantó, las defendió y dio de beber a sus ovejas. 18 Cuando ellas volvieron junto a su padre Reuel, éste les preguntó:

—¿Por qué habéis venido hoy tan pronto?

19 —Un varón egipcio nos libró de manos de los pastores; también nos sacó el agua y dio de beber a las ovejas —respondieron ellas.

20 Preguntó entonces Reuel a sus hijas:

—¿Dónde está? ¿Por qué habéis dejado marchar a ese hombre? Llamadlo para que coma.

21 Moisés aceptó vivir en casa de aquel hombre; y éste dio a su hija Séfora por mujer a Moisés.

22 Ella le dio a luz un hijo, y él le puso por nombre Gersón, pues dijo: «Forastero soy en tierra ajena.»

***SCRIPTURE** (Please Stand) *Exodus 2: 15b-22, Inclusive Bible* Eugenio Martin

Moses fled from Pharaoh's court, and settled in the wilderness of Midian.

One day, Moses was sitting by a well. The priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water to fill the troughs for his flocks. Some shepherds happened along and drove them away, but Moses rose up and came to their rescue, and watered their flock.

When the daughters returned, their father Re'uel inquired, "Why are you back so soon?" They answered, "An Egyptian defended us from the shepherds. He even watered the flock."

"Where is this Egyptian now?" asked the priest. "Why did you leave him at the well? Go back and invite him to supper."

Moses agreed to settle down with the family, and eventually married one of the daughters, Zipporah. Zipporah gave birth to a child they named Gershom, "Sojourner There"—so named because Moses said, "I have become a sojourner in a foreign land."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Where are you From?

Rev. Paul Perez

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: If communion is experienced here, if there is a blessing, then there is hope. We can be healed! What is the promise?

ALL: The Comforter will come.

ONE: Are we one in the Spirit?

ALL: Yes, we are one in the Spirit!

ONE: Holy God, you created us people of your Word and we praise you and give you thanks. We breathe with your breath; we are made in your image we share your creation which you called good. You called us out of bondage. Call us once again. As people of your Word, we join in praise and thanksgiving, saying:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

ONE: You gave your promise and kept it. Because you loved the world, one came in the name of God. He did not despise us; he did not reject us. Surely he bore our sorrow and carried our grief. On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it and broke it, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you." After supper he took the cup, and having blessed it, said: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant poured out for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us who are gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Leaven us with courage and with passion. Bless us and break us open, as your Holy One was blessed and broken. Lift us up, as his cup was lifted. May the wine of your love overflow in our hearts and our lives. Teach us how to use that love to bring down barriers, to conquer hate, violence, fear and racism, and to help bring about just reconciliation in your name.

SHARING BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

TFWS #2184

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels can not change a world of hurt and pain in to a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

(Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista esta para construir con El un mundo fraternal.

Los angeles no son enviados a cambiar un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz. Me ha tocado a mi hacerlo realidad; a yudame, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.)

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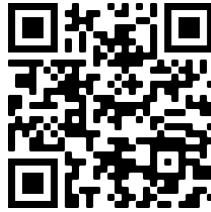
Holy God, send us the Spirit of the Risen Christ, so that we may see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and love with our lives.

The journey continues, we walk, we pitch our tent, we walk again. May God guide us on our way. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bobbi Thompson



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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 Waawiyataanong (“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)