



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Feasting On Grace: Updating the Recipe

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

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 1 by J. S. Bach

Elin Chambers

The Prelude is a time for silent prayer and meditation guided by some of our gifted musicians.

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from *enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

ONE: When we co-create abundance,

ALL: the Spirit of the Living Christ is among us.

ONE: When we pull back the curtain on the lie of scarcity,

ALL: the Spirit of the Living Christ is among us.

ONE: When we make the shared table of nourishment accessible,

ALL: the Spirit of the Living Christ is among us.

ONE: Let us Gather in the Spirit of the Living Christ.

**1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of our God!
We are called to be light for the kin-dom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!**
(Refrain)

(Refrain) **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
we called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!**

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

3. We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
(Refrain)

4. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

5. God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brother s united in love!
(Refrain)

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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***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 (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

Holy Spirit, bless what we have brought forth to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our community. May we have fortitude when we feel weary. May we be surprised by moments of connection and delight. When we feel resentment toward others or when we feel judgment towards ourselves, may compassion usher us more deeply toward each other, where our freedom intertwines. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE**

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus explained to them,
“I am the bread of life.

No one who comes to me will ever be hungry;
no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

The Temple authorities started to grumble in protest because Jesus claimed, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They kept saying, “Isn’t this Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph? Don’t we know his mother and father? How can he claim to have come down from heaven?”

“Stop your grumbling,” Jesus told them. “No one can come to me unless drawn by Abba God, who sent me—and those I will raise up on the last day.

It is written in the prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God. ‘Everyone who has heard God’s word and has learned from it comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen Abba God—only the one who is from God has seen Abba God.

The truth of the matter is, those who believe have eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, and if you eat it you’ll never die.

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Updating the Recipe

Deconess Anne Hillman

- 1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.**

- 2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

- 3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to
dare.**

- 4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

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BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

When Jesus stood before the gathered crowd,
he offered his presence and his energy to the path
of mutual nourishment. The path is before us.
We, too, have our bodies and our intentions to share.
We, too, have each other.
Let us go forth in the lineage of care
of the Living Christ, fortified by our dreams
of abundance for all beings. May it be so.

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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)