



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

July 25, 2021

Ninth 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.

Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; SOZ = Songs of Zion

PRELUDE

Daniel Dillingham

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Why have you come to this place?

ALL: We have come to find Jesus.

ONE: Why have you come today?

ALL: We are tired in body and spirit.

ONE: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

ALL: We are hungry with nothing at eat.

ONE: Come and eat your fill.

ALL: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

ONE: There is plenty for all.

ALL: Will we find wholeness here?

ONE: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

***OPENING HYMN**

My Hope is Built adapted from UMH #368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than
Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not
trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean
on Jesus' name. *(Refrain)*
2. When shadows veil my Savior's face, I
rest upon unchanging grace; In every
high and stormy gale, my anchor holds
within the veil. *(Refrain)*
3. Christ's oath and covenant and life
support me in the rising flood; when all
around my soul gives way, Christ then is
all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*
4. When Christ shall come with trumpet
sound, oh, may I then in Love be found.
Dressed in God's righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

MORNING PRAYER

**God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled;
we are hungry and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found.**

**Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered
up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five
thousand.**

**Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

Through It All (two times through)

UMH #507

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21 The Inclusive Bible

Elin Chambers

Some time later, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – that is, Lake Tiberius – and a huge crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by healing sick people. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with the disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowd approaching and said to Philip, “Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?” Jesus knew very well what he was going to do, but asked this to test Philip's response.

Philip answered, “Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!”

One of the disciples, Simon Peter's brother Andrew said, “There's a small boy here with five barley loaves and two dried fish. But what good is that with so many people?”

Jesus said to them, “Make the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand families sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting there; he did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they could eat.

When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to the disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing gets wasted.” So they picked them up and filled twelve baskets with the scraps left over from the five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that Jesus had performed, said, “Surely this is the Prophet who has come into the world.” Seeing that they were about to come and carry him off to crown him as ruler, Jesus escaped into the hills alone.

As evening approached, the disciples went down to the lake. They got into their boat, intending to cross to Capernaum, which was on the other side of the lake. By this time it was dark, and Jesus had still not joined them; moreover, a stiff wind was blowing and the sea was becoming rough.

When they had rowed three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water. They were frightened, but he told them, “It's me. Don't be afraid.” They were about to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat was ashore at their destination.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Perez

VIDEO

What Faith Can Do by Kutless

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1JBSQMkQEO>

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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