



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

July 24, 2022

Seventh 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; WS=Worship & Song

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

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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)

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: For Beloved Community near and far,

ALL: For the invitation to love and to be loved,

ONE: For abundant opportunities to begin again,

ALL: For spiritual practices that ground us,

ONE: For play that enlivens us,

ALL: For Wisdom that invites us to expansive living

ONE: We give thanks to the Holy One for these sustaining gifts.

ALL: Let us worship God, our Provider and Friend.

*OPENING HYMN

O Christ, the Great Foundation (adapted from UMH #545)

**1. O Christ, the great foundation on
which your people stand to preach
your true salvation in every age and
land: Pour out your Holy Spirit to
make us strong and pure, to keep the
faith unbroken as long as worlds
endure.**

**3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak, where
innocents are frightened, the righteous
fear to speak. There let your church
awaking attack the powers of sin and,
all their ramparts breaking, with you
the victory win.**

**2. Baptized in one confession, one church
in all the earth, we bear Christ's own
impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered to love
beyond our own, by grace we were
invited, by grace we make you known.**

**4. This is the moment glorious when
Christ who once was dead shall lead
the church victorious, their champion
and their head. The Sovereign of
creation a new dominion brings, the
final consummation, the glory of all
things.**

Text: Timothy Tingfang Lew, 1933; Translation: Frank W. Price, 1953 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864; CCLI 2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deaconess Anne Hillman

UNISON PRAYER

Nurturing Caretaker, your name is holy.

May your kin-dom of flourishing bloom in our spirits and communities

Give us each day the spiritual and physical sustenance we need.

Forgive us when we get it wrong and cause harm.

Open our hearts to compassion for others

And bathe all your creation in mercy. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We are expressions of Divine Love, answering prayers, when we care for our communities and when we protect the land who nurtures us. With prayerful spirits, we gather our offerings that God's kin-dom may come. I invite you to the 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

Bread of life, when we ask for a fish, you do not give us a snake. May our communities be the same – offering each other relevant and need-based care. Forgive us when we act like we know the needs of others better than they do. May we, instead, listen to the wisdom reciprocity teaches us. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

*CENTERING HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

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| 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! | 2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia! |
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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

(Inclusive Bible)

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus said to them, "When you pray say, 'Abba God, hallowed be your Name! May your reign come. Give us today tomorrow's bread. Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don't let us be subjected to the Test.'"

Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, 'Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.'

"Then your neighbor says, 'Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can't get up to look after your needs.' I tell you, though your neighbor will not

get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need.

“That’s why I tell you, keep asking and you’ll receive; keep looking and you’ll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds, whoever knocks, is admitted. What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg?

If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Praying with Legs

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

***CLOSING HYMN**

O God, May We Keep Praying

(tune UMH #545)

1. O God, may we keep praying just like a friend at night, who knocks on our door saying, “No time to be polite – I need some food for sharing: a friend has come to stay. I come before you begging, I need your help, I pray.

2. May we be like the widow who sought to win her case; she asked the judge, “Consider the trouble that I face.” He would have still resisted, but she kept bothering him. And after she persisted, the judge said, “I give in!”

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

Let us go from this place carried on the breeze of the prayers said on our behalf, nourished by our spiritual practices, and invigorated for the work of loving the world. Go with God, who meets us this day and always. Amen.

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