



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

September 5th, 2021
15th 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

Bread and Roses

Judy Collins

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKEr5U8ERgc&list=PLaOYihwaS97QmsnhTn-d7C_pAWvXSrZYG

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God of Life,

ALL: You are as near to us as our breath.

ONE: Touch our eyes,

ALL: That we may see you in one another.

ONE: Open our ears,

ALL: That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

ONE: Enter our hearts,

ALL: That we may be filled with your love toward all people.

ONE: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

ALL: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

*OPENING HYMN

Bringing in the Sheaves

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

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR WORKERS

Loving, Working God,

On this Sunday we ask your special blessing on all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school . We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live the full life you intend for each of us.

Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old.

A world where all workers are valued.

A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.

A world where those who serve and care for others are, themselves, also served and cared for.

We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. 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

Solidarity Forever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WW7Rh3mSW74>

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-30

The Inclusive Bible

Jesus left Gennesaret and went to the territory of Tyre and Sidon. There he went into a certain house and wanted no one to recognize him, but he could not pass unrecognized.

A woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She approached Jesus and fell at his feet. The woman, who was Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth begged Jesus to expel the demon from her daughter.

He told her, "Let the children of the household satisfy themselves at table first. It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied, "Yes, Rabbi, but even the dogs under the table eat the family's scraps."

Then Jesus said to her, "For saying this, you may go home happy; the demon has left your daughter." When she got home, she found her daughter in bed and the demon gone.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Nagging Spirit

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

VIDEO

You Gotta Go Down and Join the Union

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN8kGzHH00I>

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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