



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

April 23, 2023

Native American Ministries Sunday



## 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**

Bobbi Thompson

## ACTS OF PRAISE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Christ is Risen today!

**ALL: Alleluia.**

ONE: We gather today, aware of the ways we continue to nail Christ to the cross.

**ALL: Forgive us, God.**

ONE: We gather today, celebrating the ministries of United Methodist Native Americans.

**ALL: We praise you, God.**

ONE: We gather today, prepared to participate in the restoration of relationships with all God's children.

**ALL: Restore us God!**

ONE: We gather today, trusting that the resurrection promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom our God calls. Christ is Risen today!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Amazing Grace*

(adapted from UMH #378)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures; God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## **ACTS OF SHARING**

### **GREETING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Deaconess Anne Hillman

### **MORNING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Creator, we gather on this third Sunday of Easter to celebrate your resurrection promise. As we lift up the ministries of United Methodist Native Americans, open us to the gift of your Holy Spirit. Give us a sense of connection with the fullness of your church family. We celebrate the promises you keep to every generation. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

### **ANTHEM**

*Let the Praise Go Round* by William Boyce, Arr. by Hal Hopson

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Jesus came back from the grave to eat fish with his friends on the shoreline. What wonderful gifts of being alive—sharing food with friends, being soothed by the presence of water. We gather our offerings that we might create nourishment, rest, and community for each other. Come, you are invited to the offering.

## OFFERTORYI

*Choose Love* by Mark A. Miller, words by Lindy Thompson  
Megan Mueller, solo

## \*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.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all generations, thank you for all of your blessings. Thank you for the diversity of culture and tradition in the United Methodist Church. As we present our gifts to you today, multiply them so that all your children have opportunities to learn of you, to worship you and to be restored by you. Transform them into ministries for Native American churches to repair harm, bring healing and offer hope. Amen.**

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

## \*CENTERING HYMN

*Many and Great, O God*

UMH #148

**1. Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heavens with stars' thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.**

**2. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one; come unto us and dwell with us; with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.**

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## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### \*HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

The Inclusive Bible

On this mountain, God will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines. On this mountain God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever. God will wipe away the tears from every cheek and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live. God has spoken.

On that day it will be said, "This is our God, this is the One for whose liberation we waited, God is the one in whom we had hoped!

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH #428

1. For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to the life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

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## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

(A Cheyenne Prayer for Peace)

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun shall shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,  
Let us know peace. Amen.



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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.

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