



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

November 20, 2022  
Hunger Awareness 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: Our God is preparing a feast for all people

**ALL: A Wonderful banquet with vintage wine and gourmet food,**

ONE: The choicest meats, and lavish desserts.

**ALL: And the whole world will be invited!**

ONE: And God will wipe away the tears from every face,

**ALL: And lift the despair from every heart.**

ONE: And together, God's people will proclaim:

**ALL: This is our God, in whom we place our trust! Let us rejoice in the salvation God brings!**

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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## **ACTS OF SHARING**

**GREETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Deaconess Anne Hillman

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe that bread comes from grain that grows in the wind and the rain with the farmers' help far from the eyes of city folk.**

**I believe that bread comes from love the love of God  
the love of the farmer the love of the baker's hands  
the love of those who bring it to me.**

**I believe that bread can be and should be broken  
and shared and given to all persons until all have enough and then some.**

**I believe that Jesus loved bread and took it and broke it  
and blessed it and fed his disciples and asked them to feed us.**

**I believe enough in bread to want it from Jesus  
to want it to nurture me to want his life through it  
to want to give life through it.**

**I believe that his body as bread feeds me and as part of his body  
I want to be bread for others,  
I believe the Spirit will help me as well as Jesus' people. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Chief Seattle of the Duwamish Tribe said, “Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.” May we bring forth our offerings this day with wisdom about what to dedicate to the flow of mutual support.

**(Please fill out your offering of letters at this time as well)**

## **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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Sacred Love, we do not praise titles nor positions of power. We praise those who, like our example, Jesus, teach us about the art of presence—the toddler, the contemplative, the pet, the person nearing death. In the Kin-dom of God, the table is set for all. The meal is family-style—all of us giving and receiving, eating and feeding each other. Bless our offerings to this purpose. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

### **\*CENTERING HYMN**

*Give Thanks for Every Gift*

Tune: UMH #715

- 1. Give thanks for every gift this fertile earth displays; to God your voices lift in thankfulness and praise! Our sea and sky, our fruitful land, or blessings from th’ Creator’s hand.**
- 2. Each passing season brings its store of sun and rain, as winters turn to springs and summers bloom again, then God be thanked for autumn fields, the ripened grain that harvest yields.**

- 3. And even as we pray “Give us our daily bread,” we long to see the day when all the world is fed, when justice reigns from shore to shore and hunger stalks the earth no more.**
- 4. In Christ all needs are met, to him in faith we come; on him our hopes are set of that eternal home, where one with him, our sins forgiven, we share the harvest feast of heaven.**

# ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 25:1-9*

The Inclusive Bible

YHWH, you are my God – I exalt you! I praise your Name! For you do marvelous things, planned long ago with steadfast faithfulness. You turned cities into dump heaps, fortified cities into rubble; strongholds of foreigners are no more, never to be rebuilt. It is for this reason that the powerful honor you, and cities of ruthless people fear you.

Yet, you are a refuge to poor people, refuge to the needy in their distress, shelter in the storm, shade from the heat – for the breath of the ruthless is like an ice storm or a scorching drought. You subdue the roar of the enemy, and the mantra of tyrants is stilled. On this mountain, YHWH Omnipotent 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 waiting. YHWH is the One in whom we had hoped!

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## DRAMA

*Room at the Table*

written by Connie Epp

Narrator: Is there room for Yvette at the table?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Yvette**

Narrator: Is there room for Adel at the table?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Adel.**

Narrator: Is there room for Grace at the table?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Grace.**

Narrator: Is there room for Adise (Uh-dee-say) at the table?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Adise. (Uh-dee-say)**

Narrator: Is there room for Dagim (duh-geem) at the table?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Dagim. (duh-geem)**

Narrator: Is there room at the table for Tarij?

**People: We welcome you to the table, Tarij.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*A Place at the Table*

Word and Song #3149

1. For everyone born a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and  
bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place  
for growing, for everyone born, a star  
overhead. *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain)* And God will delight when we  
are creators of justice and joy. Yes,  
God will delight, when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the  
table, revising the roles, deciding the  
share, with wisdom and grace, dividing  
the power, for woman and man, a  
system that's fair. *(Refrain)*

3. For young and for old, a place at the  
table, a voice to be heard, a part in the  
song, the hands of a child in hands that  
are wrinkled, for young and for old,  
the right to belong. *(Refrain)*

4. For gay and for straight, a place at the  
table, a covenant shared, a welcoming  
space, a rainbow of race and gender  
and color, for gay and for straight, the  
chalice of grace. *(Refrain)*

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and  
worship, for everyone born, the right  
to be free. *(Refrain)*

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## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast. Amen.

*(Written by Jan L. Richardson)*

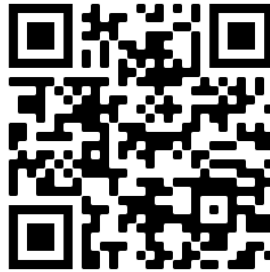
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We thank the following people for participating in our drama for today:

Indigo Kerr  
Jarret Schlaff  
Elle Sutorka

Mahja Zeon  
Dave Wilson  
Melissa Wilson

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**Please help us know you were here in worship today by scanning the QR code above with your phone. There is also a place for notes and prayer requests for the pastor.**

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Andrew Cox, Building Superintendent

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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. (Adopted by the Ministry Team -April 22, 2021)