



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

June 13, 2021

Third 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: Plant the seed in our hearts

**ALL: Let us tend it and let it grow.**

ONE: May our church be like a tree of heaven, with room for all.

**ALL: Come, let us spend some time at home with God.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*You Are the Seed*

UMH #583

1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses wher-e'er you go. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where-e'er you go. *(Refrain)*  
*(Refrain)* Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."
2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new kin-dom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. *(Refrain)*
3. You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. *(Refrain)*

WORDS: Cesareo Gabarain, 1979; trans. By Raquel Gutierrez-Achon and Skinner Chavez-Melo; MUSIC: Cesareo Gabarain, 1979; harm. By Skinner Chavez-Melo, 1987; ©1979 Ediciones Paulinas; trans. ©1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; harm. ©1987 Skinner Chavez-Melo; CCLI2815228

## ACTS OF SHARING

### GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

### MORNING PRAYER (Written by John van de Laar)

**We may not be able to confront queens, or challenge presidents;  
We may not have the capacity to divert resources, or uplift communities;  
We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war,  
or the words to negotiate peace between armies;  
But, as we follow you, O Christ, we are able to do something.**

**And so, we pray that you would inspire us**

**to commit to and act on**

**the small difference we can make:**

**May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;**

**May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;**

**May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;**

**May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.**

**And in small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to your saving work in our world. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Brandon Spencer

**\*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

*Hymn of Promise*

UMH #707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed,  
an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden  
promise; butterflies will soon be free! In  
the cold and snow of winter there's a  
spring that wait to be, unrevealed until its  
season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking  
word and melody, there's a dawn in every  
darkness; bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what  
it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its  
season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time,  
infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in  
our life, eternity. In our death, a  
resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something  
God alone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986; MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986; ©1986 Hope  
Publishing Co.; CCL2815228

## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

*Mark 4:26-34* The Inclusive Bible

Brandon Gleaton

Jesus said further, "The reign of God is like this: a sower scatters seed on the ground, then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. The soil produces a crop by itself – first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. When the crop is ready is ready, the sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest."

Jesus went on to say, "What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil; it is the smallest of all the earth's seeds, yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade."

Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, as much as they could understand. Everything was spoken in parables, but Jesus explained everything to the disciples later when they were alone.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*There's Enough on Your Plate*

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

**VIDEO**

*Kindness Boomerang – "One Day" Life Vest Inside*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

---

### **Central United Methodist Church**

**23 East Adams, Detroit, Michigan 48226 ~ 313.965.5422**

**[www.centralumchurchdetroit.org](http://www.centralumchurchdetroit.org)**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Edwin Rowe, Pastor Emeritus

Deaconess Anne Hillman, Ph. D, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Daniel Dillingham, Minister of Music

Bobbi Thompson, Accompanist & Soloist

Debra Cox, Office Administrator

Andrew Cox, Building Superintendent

Yvette Meadows and Angela Bakeley, Receptionists