



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

January 21, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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.

W&S=Worship & Song Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS =
The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

Augustus Williamson

ACTS OF PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

ONE: Jesus, teacher of radical Love says:

ALL: Come, follow me.

ONE: Christ, turning empire on its head says:

ALL: Come, follow me.

ONE: The Holy Spirit who troubles the waters of Liberation beckons:

ALL: Come, follow me.

ONE: Like a school of fish, we swim together towards abundance:

ALL: Come, we say to one another, follow me.

ONE: We will set one another free.

***OPENING HYMN**

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Rise Up and Shine arr. by Austin Lovelace

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Day by Day words and music by Steven Schwartz

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***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 (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

Living Water, may the work of solidarity we dedicate ourselves to in our communities join with the tide of liberation across all lands. Freedom!—for people, plants, animals, earth, & ocean—is our fervent prayer. We dedicate our collected resources and gifts to mutual liberation. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CENTERING HYMN

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 14-20

And if any word of this gets to the governor, we will straighten it out with him and keep you out of trouble.” The soldiers took the money and carried out their instructions. This is the story that circulates among Judeans to this very day.

The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

“All authority has been give me
both in heaven and on earth;
go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
Baptize them in the name
of Abba God,
and of the Only Begotten,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to carry out
everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always,
Even until the end of the world!”

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Come, Follow Me

Rev. Paul Perez

*CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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Amidst narratives of empire, and stories rooted in supremacy, the Wiley Way of Love beckons: Follow me, She says. Flow into the Wide Water of Possibility.

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION



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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)