



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867.

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Black History Month

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

PRELUDE

Victory is Mine by D. Norwood.

Brooxie Frentress, Pianist
Audrey McIntosh, Vocals

The Prelude and the Postlude are times for silent prayer and meditation guided by some of our gifted musicians.

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Cynthia Bond Hopson,

“Black History Month Service,” *The Africana Worship Book for Year C*)

ONE: My God, what a morning! You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people.

ALL: And we are strong, proud, and yours.

ONE: May God, what a morning! You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

ALL: And we are strong, proud, and brave, and yours.

ONE: My God, this morning, we have come to celebrate you, to affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say, “Yes, God, we are strong proud, brave, and yours in every.”

ALL: We count it all joy!

***OPENING HYMN:**

Lead Me, Guide Me

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(Refrain) **Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.**

**1. I am weak and I need Thy strength
and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)***

**2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)***

**3. I am lost if You take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy Light to see,
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me *(Refrain)***

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Brooxie Frentress, Pianist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Goodness of God by J. Johnson.
Brooxie Frentress, piano, Audrey McIntosh, vocals

***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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet by Robert Ray

Church Choir,
Roderick Reese Bass

***SCRIPTURE**

James 1:21-22

"Who are you, then?" they asked. "Elijah?"

"No, I am not," he answered.

"Are you the Prophet?"

"No," he replied.

Finally they said to him, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you have to say for yourself?"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Do Something

Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony

***CLOSING HYMN**

*Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round** ZSS #104

Ain't gonna let no body turn me 'round,

turn me 'round, turn me 'round.

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,

I'm gonna keep on a walkin' keep on a talkin', marchin' on to freedom land.

3. persecution

4. hatred

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH (adapted from Cynthia Bond Hopson,
"Black History Month Service," *The Africana Worship Book for Year C*)

Today is all we have. We will rejoice, we will be renewed and we will learn from the past, cherish today and welcome the future because you have given us a powerful and sacred history. We will teach and learn, speak and listen and grow strong every day of every month. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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)