



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Feasting On Grace: Full Bellies, Hungry Hearts

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

Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

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

ACTS OF PRAISE

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

ONE: Abundant God—

ALL: Fill our cups with clean water,

ONE: fill our plates with sustenance,

ALL: fill our tables with community.

ONE: Justice-Making Spirit—

ALL: Strike down those who manufacture famine.

ONE: Crumble systems that pollute nourishment. Where food deserts have been created,

ALL: abundance once more!

ONE: Sustaining Love—

ALL: We desire to thrive together!

ONE: We desire to feed one another & be fed.

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

- 3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

- 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kin-dom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All That is Hidden by Bernadette Farrell

Amy Park Goeddeke

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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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE**

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered them, “The truth of the matter is, you’re not looking for me because you’ve seen signs, but because you’ve eaten your fill of the bread. You shouldn’t be working for perishable food, but for life-giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of Abba god.”

At this they said, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus replied, “This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent.”

So they asked Jesus, “What sign are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do?”

Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, ‘God gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, "Moses hasn't given you bread from heaven' yet my Abba gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Teacher," they said, "give us this bread from now on."

Jesus explained to them, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Full Bellies, Hungry Hearts

Rev. Paul Perez

HOLY COMMUNION (adapted from *World Communion* by Richard Bott)

ONE: God is with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift our hearts to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God, our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: We do give you thanks, and we do praise you, God of all creation. From before there was a beginning, until after there is an end, you were and are and always will be. All creation is animate – alive – in you, and with you, and beside you. For everything that is, came into being through you. In praise and thanksgiving, with leaves that whisper, brooks that babble, coyotes that yip, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the squirmers and the squiggles – even the stars above, we join in this unending hymn of praise ...

ALL: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

ONE: For we, who follow the Way of Jesus, this is a day we remember all who gather to eat the bread and drink from the cup. We come together to re-member, that we are Christ's people, all around the world.

On the night before he was taken to his death,

Jesus gathered with his followers,
he took bread, gave thanks to you,
God of all creation,
and offered it to those gathered at the table,

ALL: Take this and eat. This is my life, given for you. Each time you eat it, remember me.

ONE: After the meal was over, he took a cup of wine, and gave thanks to you, God of all love. He offered it to those gathered at the table,

ALL: Take this and drink. This is my promise, is my love, poured out for you. Each time you drink it, remember me.

ONE: So we eat, we drink, and we remember. We eat, we drink, and we remember.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present, in these gifts, and in us, that they – and we – can be Christ's gifts to the world. Amen

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Panis Angelicus* by César Franck Arthur Park

The work *Panis Angelicus* is taken from a hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas for the feast known as the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It begins with the words "Panis Angelicus" (bread of angels). César Franck set this piece for tenor voice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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A story is told that our ancestors in faith ate manna in the desert,
that God provided for their needs a day at a time.

May we go forth in the gritty trust shown by our ancestors.

May we relish how it feels to care and be cared for,

that we might become ancestors to a world

where people are not caught in the grind

but move from glory to glory, from rest to play,

from too much or not enough to everlasting abundance.

POSTLUDE

Walk in Peace by Lowell Prescott, Arthur Park with Amy Park Goeddeke

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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)