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A Reconciling Congregation

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October 18, 2026

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost & Hispanic Heritage 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.

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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.

WELCOME TO CENTRAL

Central United Methodist Church is proud to be in the heart of Detroit and excited to welcome you to worship this morning. Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or you've been coming here for years, welcome!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are celebrated here at Central, and we have diverse options for them to experience worship and learn about God.

The **Grace Space** (located in the SW corner of the sanctuary) is always available for our littlest ones to play and wiggle during worship.

Worship Boxes are available (along the south wall of the sanctuary) for our elementary-aged children and youth. Inside, are materials to help understand and participate in worship. Children and youth may choose to sit as a group in their special pews or take a worship box back to sit with their adults.

On **First Sundays** our worship service is focused on being intergenerational and all children and youth stay in the sanctuary for the whole service.

Near the beginning of the worship service there is a **Children's Message** offered at the front of the sanctuary and all children are invited to come forward as they are comfortable and sit at the base of the steps.

After the Children's Message, on 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday's children in Kindergarten-5th grades are dismissed for **Sunday School** on the 3rd floor. Youth are dismissed for Sunday School on 2nd and 4th Sundays, also on the 3rd floor. Children in K-5th grade should be picked up from their classroom by their adults after the worship service.

The **Nursery** is always open for use by families on the 1st floor across the lobby from the sanctuary, but it is only staffed on 1st Sundays.

ACTS OF PRAISE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

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

ONE: Through prayer and practice, we pursue what is just, what is true, what is kind.

ALL: With each new day, we hope for Love to lead us.

ONE: With discernment, we wade bravely into the struggles of life together.

ALL: We yearn for wisdom that satisfies.

ONE: Persistently, faithfully, relentlessly, we keep our gaze set upon righteousness.

ALL: Determined in hope, may the Holy be our firm foundation.

*OPENING HYMN

Our Hearts Proclaim a Living God

(Insert)

ACTS OF SHARING

ANNNOUCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Indicates when to stand in body or in spirit

**Please silence cell phones

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

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts, arr. by Mark Schweitzer Clara Zundel, Soloist



For electronic giving, please use this QR code

*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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit arr. by William Dawson. Rod Reese, Soloist

*SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to God, "Look, you have told me to lead this people, but you have never told me who you will send with me. You have said to me, 'I know you by name,' and 'You have found favor with me.' So if I have found favor with you, teach me your ways so that I might truly know you, and that I might find favor in your eyes.

Remember that these people are the nation you have chosen as your own."

God replied, "My Presence will go with you. Let this set your mind at ease."

Moses continued, "If your Presence does not come with us, do not send us from this place. How can it ever be known that we have found favor in your eyes—I, and your people—if you do not accompany us? It is your Presence alone that will mark us—I, and your people—from all others of the people on the earth."

And God said to Moses, "As you have asked, I will do, for you have found favor in my eyes, and I have known you by name."

Then Moses said, "Please, show me your glory!"

God said, "I will make all of the goodness pass before your eyes, and I will pronounce my Name, I AM, in your presence: I will show my grace to whom I will show my grace, and I will show my compassion to whom I will show my compassion. But you cannot see my face," God continued, "No human can see my face and live."

Then God said, "Look—here is a place beside me, where you can stand on a rock. When my glory passes you, I will place you in a cleft in the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. When I remove my hand you will see my back; but my face, you must not see."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMNIn the Quiet, Lord, I Listen*

In the quiet, Lord, I listen to the music in my soul;
You have placed a song within me, for your grace has made me whole.
There is so much to distract us that would block the gentle sound;
Yet I listen for the singing of your music all around.

You are present in the places that I give to silent prayer.
In my resting, in my waking, in my asking — you are there.
As I think about my journey — what has been and what might be —
God, I hear your words of mercy; and your love song strengthens me.

As I pray and read the Bible, as I welcome strangers in,
As I labor hard for justice in a world that's filled with sin,
In my worship, in my service, there's a pattern to my days —
There's your melody of mercy, there's my harmony of praise.

God, I pray I'll keep on listening even though these times are tough,
And I pray that I'll be open to the wonders of your love.
You're the Writer and the Singer, you're the Love that rises strong.
God — Creator, Christ and Spirit — let me answer to your song.

TUNE: BEACH SPRING - The Sacred Harp, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White,
harmony © 2017 Christopher Gage (*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*)

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BENEDICTION

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As we go, may we do so with the assurance that
God delights in our reaching out - when we need help or protection
God cares about our struggles - and responds with action and compassion
God accompanies us in our advocacy - for ourselves and others
may the Spirit help us to perceive these Divine truths, enfleshed all around us

POSTLUDE

Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go, by George Matheson,
Tune: St. Margaret (peace)

Arthur Park

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED UNDER CCLI STREAM PLUS 21469425

Your Greeters today are: Helen Monroe & Elin Chambers

Your Ushers today are: Helen Monroe, Elin Chambers & Mary Park

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INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Central UMC is committed to using inclusive language for God and humanity. You will find that some words have been changed in hymns or familiar prayers in order to be more inclusive.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

This worship service is livestreamed on Facebook and posted to Youtube each week. Those leading worship up on the chancel and those sitting in the center pews and the first 3 pews of the South section will be recorded by the cameras. If you would rather not have your image shown on the livestream, please sit in the side pews and allow others to come to you for passing of the peace. The children's Grace Space will always be out of view from the cameras.

To submit a request to take down a video containing your image please use this form:



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CENTRAL EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY:

Wednesday, October 21st.
Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, October 25th,
Lions Game, 4:45 p.m.

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Sunday School!

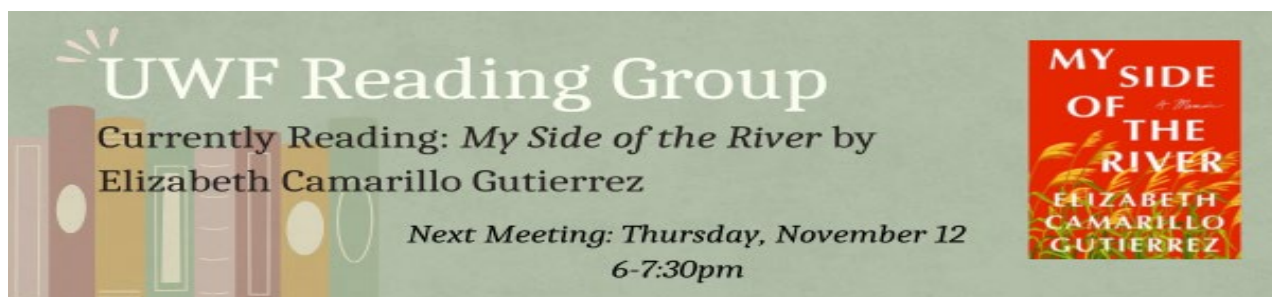
The K-5th grade Sunday School class meets on 2-5th Sundays and the Youth class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Both classes take place during worship, after the Children's Message. Classrooms are on the 3rd floor, and parents should pick up their K-5th grade students after worship.



Faith Book Club

Currently Reading: *A Fortune of Sand* by Ruta Sepetys

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28
Noon-2pm



UWF Reading Group

Currently Reading: *My Side of the River* by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12
6-7:30pm

SIGN UP FOR SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSIONS AROUND SANCTUARY
RENOVATIONS:



Oct 25 - after worship in sanctuary
Oct 29 - 1pm in sanctuary
Nov 1 - after worship in sanctuary
Nov 2 - 6:30pm on Zoom



**INTERESTED IN HELPING
WITH WORSHIP FLOWERS
OR COMMUNION?**

Contact Janet Moody or Amy Brown.

Help is needed with setup on Sunday
mornings, choosing arrangements, or
picking up large orders from Eastern
Market.

NURTURING & CIRCLE OF CARE

These persons are in assisted living, confined to their homes or institution, are ill, or in need of special prayers.

Ruth Biersdorf
Sue Wabeke

Faith Carpenter
Nadine Feinberg

Dia Pearce

Charles & Josefina Ford

Naomi Mason

October Birthdays

1st JD Gladstone	10th William Francis	18th Carlyn Robinson
4th Ruth Biersdorf	10th Zahatia Sorho	19th Rev Paul Perez
5th Karai Jackson	10th William Francis	23rd Annabella Adams
6th Abraham Ellison	11th Charles Ford	23rd Elin Chambers
7th Sylvia Oatley	12th Arthur Park	25th June Railkar
8th Dylan Adams	16th John McDougall	

All Saints Potluck

Many cherished family memories center around meals and favorite dishes served with love. For All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st, you are invited to bring a dish in honor of a loved one who has passed away. Whether it's a recipe handed down through the generations or the store bought cookies your aunt always brought to family birthday parties, we want to share in your memories.

DIRECTIONS:

- Choose a family member or members to remember and honor
- Think of a dish they made or loved to eat or always bought for family gatherings
- Cook, bake, or buy that special dish
- Bring the dish to church on Sunday, November 1st for our potluck following worship.
 - By 10am we'll have the oven ready for warming, the fridge cleared for keeping things cool, and outlets prepared for crockpots
- Share your memories around the table after worship

Information for All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is on
Sunday, November 1, 2026.

You are invited to bring photographs
of loved ones who have died in the
past year to be placed on our altar
ofrenda during worship.

THE PEOPLE'S POTLUCK

PREPARE TO CARE



Saturday, November 14, 2026
Central United Methodist
@ Corner of Woodward & E. Adams Detroit
1:00–4:00 PM



MOVING TOGETHER THROUGH MUTUAL AID, ART, EDUCATION, CONNECTION & LOVE.

LET'S GET OUR DUCKS IN A ROW!





