



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

July 21, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

The introit 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: The Spirit of Christ is full of wisdom:

ALL: She blesses our learning and our unlearning,

ONE: She is not overwhelmed by the work to be done.

ALL: The Spirit of Christ overflows with compassion:

ONE: She moves toward us when we are unwell.

ALL: She makes a way for us to rest.

ONE: Come, Spirit of Christ, live among us,

ALL: Wisdom and Compassion dwell in our hearts.

***OPENING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, V. 1, 3, & 4

UMH #384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747; MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870;
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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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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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*)

And Jesus answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” In the spirit of the Jesus tradition and all traditions who practice lovingkindness, we dedicate our offerings, oh God. Grant us savviness in our distribution of material goods and joy in our sharing. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles came back to Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, “Come away by yourselves to someplace more remote, and rest awhile.” For there were many people coming and going, and the apostles hadn’t had time to eat. So they went away in a boat to a deserted area.

The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

After crossing the lake, Jesus and the disciples came ashore at Gennesaret and tied up their boat there. No sooner had they stepped out of the boat then people recognized Jesus. The crowds started hurrying about the countryside and brought the sick on stretchers wherever Jesus went. Wherever he appeared—in villages, in towns or in the countryside—they laid down the sick in the open places, begging him to let them touch just the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched Jesus got well.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Balancing Prayer & Action

Rev. Paul Perez

*CLOSING HYMN

You Are Mine, v. 1, 2 & 4

TFWS #2218

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here *(Refrain)*

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain) **Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! *(Refrain)*

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BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH (enfleshed: liturgy that matters)

When ruthless systems take and take,
we will not give into despair. We will
spread out blankets for one another
so we can nap. Out of an overflow of Love,
we will organize and say: no more!
We will remain steadfast in our faith
that new heavens can abound here and now
where exhaustion is no more
and rest is ripe as rain.

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)