



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

November 21 2021

Stewardship Sunday

## 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: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; SOZ = Songs of Zion

## PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

## INTROIT

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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)

# ACTS OF PRAISE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

**ALL: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

ONE: We gather to lift our praise to God who gives us voice.

**ALL: We bring the songs which have echoes in our hearts all week long.**

ONE: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**ALL: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Joy to the World* (Adapted from UMH #246)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let  
earth its praises bring; let every heart  
prepare Christ room, and heaven and  
nature sing, and heaven and nature  
sing, and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.

3. Christ rules the world with truth and  
grace and makes the nations prove, the  
glories of God's righteousness and  
wonders of God's love, and wonders of  
God's love, and wonders, wonders of  
God's love.

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2. Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let  
all their songs employ; while fields and  
floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat  
the sounding joy, repeat the sounding  
joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

# ACTS OF SHARING

## GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## MORNING PRAYER

You raise your hand and gently begin the concerto of creation:

birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat;

mountains dance in merriment and little children clap their hands with joy.

Love's composer, our new songs are lifted to you.

The old, old song is made new in our hearts: Christ is Risen!

Sing Alleluia! You invite us to sing to a world deafened by despair and haunted by the  
tunes of fear. Lord of the Dance, our new songs are lifted to you.

Believing we cannot carry a tune, we hesitate to join in the chorus of praise sung by all  
creation. So, you softly and gently hum the melody in our hearts until they burst with you,  
raising a rousing chorus of Amazing Grace. Music-making Spirit, our new songs are lifted  
to you. Every song, old and new is offered to you, God in community, Holy in One. Amen.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

**\*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

God of marvelous things, let the clink of the coins in this basket be as the clapping of the floods for you, O God.

Let the clicks of the on line pledges resound as the waves of the sea and everything in it. Let the quiet rustle of bills and checks and pledge cards be as soft as the wind drifting over the mountains who are singing together for joy.

Let the fervent prayers, the lofty hopes, the quiet determination of these people and these gifts be our song, our hymn of praise to you, you who are doing such marvelous things! And may the power of your Holy Spirit turn this unfinished work, this earnest but not-quite-sufficient music, into a great symphony of praise until you come again. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### \*CENTERING HYMN

*O Happy Day*

words and music by Edwin Hawkins

1. Oh happy day (Oh happy day), Oh happy day, (Oh happy day) When Jesus washed, oh when he washed, When Jesus washed, He washed my sins away. (Oh happy day) Aw happy day (Oh happy day) (3 times)

3. Oh happy day (Oh happy day), Oh happy day, (Oh happy day) When Jesus washed, oh when he washed, When Jesus washed, He washed my sins away. (Oh happy day) Aw happy day (Oh happy day) (3 times)

2. He taught me how to watch, fight and pray, fight and pray, and live rejoicing ev'ry day, ev'ry day

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## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 98*

from the Inclusive Bible

Sing a new song to God who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance! God has made salvation known and shown divine justice to the nations, and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise! Sing praise to God with the harp, with the harp and melodious singing! With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to God, Ruler of all.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before God, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its people with equity.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

*Together for Joy*

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

UMH #261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. *(Refrain)*
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)*
3. I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

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## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

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