



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822,
Sanctuary completed 1867

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pride 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

ACTS OF PRAISE

PRELUDE

Teresa Young

WELCOME

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

ONE: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

ALL: We believe you delight in us!

ONE: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

ALL: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

ONE: We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life, of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

May it be so!

***OPENING HYMN**

Sing a New World into Being
(from *Songs of the Holy Other: Hymns Affirming the LBGTQIA2S+ Community*)

Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

NETTLETON

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1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Teresa Young

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

ACTS OF SHARING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Teresa Young



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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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM *Wild Thing* by Kacey Musgraves Megan Mueller & Brandon Reeves

***SCRIPTURE** *Luke 13: 34*

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!'"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CENTRAL SPEAKS! Scott Dewey

REFLECTION Rev. Paul Perez

CLOSING HYMN *Womb of Life*, v. 1 & 3 TFWS #2046

**1. Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.**

**We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.**

3. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend. When your memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

**Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.**

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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH (adapted from Jordan Miller--Stubbendick,
"Blessings from the Depths," *enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

Divine Embrace, you sweep all of us up
into your ever-growing rainbow embrace
into your warm blanket of peace, of rest.

You say: Come. Sit with me.
Set down your fears and frantic striving.
I see you just as you are, and I love you always.
Yes, you are so much more than enough.
You belong, and there is a place for you here.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Brandon Reeves

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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)