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**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST
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A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810 - Incorporated 1922 - Sanctuary Completed 1867

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Show & Tell

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** (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

ONE: Out beyond our imagination for freedom,
there is an even more expansive landscape of liberation—

**ALL: There, the Holy waits for us.
There, the Holy beckons us to meet Her.**

ONE: Out beyond our dreams for belonging,
there is an even more vast skyscape of connection—

**ALL: There, the Holy waits for us.
There, the Holy beckons us to meet Her.**

ONE: Out beyond our cries for justice,
there is an even deeper well of reparations—

**ALL: There, the Holy waits for us.
There, the Holy beckons us to meet Her.**

*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

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our 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.**
- 2. We are the young — our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old — who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 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 our own;
gather us in all peoples together
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

ANNNOUCEMENTS

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

ACTS OF SHARING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace, arr. by John Coates, Jr



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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

Let the Praise Go Round by William Boyce, arr. by Hal Hopson

***SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 17: 1-7

The Israelites left the desert of Syn to travel by stages, as God had directed them. They camped at Rephidim, but found no drinking water.

Again they turned on Moses, saying, "Give us drinking water."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test God?"

But the people were thirsty, and complained even more to Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt only to make us and our children and our livestock die of thirst?"

Moses appealed to God. "What am I to do with these people? They are ready to stone me!"

God answered Moses, "Take some of the elders and move to the front of the people. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile. Go! I will wait for you there by the rock of Horeb. Strick the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

And Mose did so, in the sight the elders.

Moses named the place Massah, "Testing," and Meribah, "Quarreling," for the Israelites tested God when they said, "Is God with us or not?"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Show & Tell

Rev. Paul Perez

***CLOSING HYMN**

A Place Called Home

Insert

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION (from *enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

Go forth inspired by the expansive imagination of the Creating One, nourished by the ordinary grace of the Sustaining One, and accompanied by the enduring solidarity of the Redeeming One

POSTLUDE

Brandon Reeves

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Your Greeters today are: Tom Robinson

Your Ushers today are: Inez Torbert Mollika Biernat Jay Biernat

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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:

Lions Game, 1:00 p.m.

Tigers Game, 3:10 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 30th, *Faith Book Club*, 12:00 p.m. at Swords Into Plowshares.

Wed. Sept. 30th, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7:00 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.

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 Peach
Charles & Josefina Ford

Naomi Mason

Faith Book Club

Currently Reading: *Kin* by Tayari Jones

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 30
Noon-2pm

UWF Reading Group

Currently Reading: *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8
6-7:30pm

For Sunday, October 4th

Sign up to bring sandwich supplies

On Sunday, October 4th our First Sunday Fellowship activity will be making sandwiches for Noah at Central. Please sign up to bring sandwich supplies and then stick around after worship to assemble sandwiches.

Contact Deaconess Anne with any questions:



anneh@centralumchurchdetroit.org

September Birthdays

3rd Hannah L. Kang	18th Mittie Lawrence	21st Roland Amarteifio
7th Karen Tyler Ruiz	18th Josefina Ford	23rd Roderick Reese
10th Susan Tyler Davis	19th Byron Washington	24th Kirk Bennett
11th Ava Biernat	19th Andrew Kelley	24th Mattalyn Wiley
11th Aisha Ruiz	19th Rebecca Martin	29th Brandon Gleaton
12th Erin Rhoads	20th Rebecca Wilson	
12th Jeffrey Ellison	20th Inez Torbert	

A Message from Maggie Reese, Director of Music

Want to sing, contribute to the service in a meaningful way and have a ton of fun? Join the choir! Every year we've added new members, and we welcome anyone who enjoys singing and would like to explore being a part of this amazing group. You don't have to read music. I rehearse carefully and thoroughly so that even inexperienced singers will feel successful. Please let me know if you might want to explore new adventure!

Maggie, margaret@centralumchurchdetroit.org