



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Third 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.

Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing;

SOZ = Songs of Zion; WS=Worship & Song

**PRELUDE**

Bobbi Thompson

**INTROIT**

Bobbi Thompson

## 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 Waawiyataanong ("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: For freedom, Christ has set us free!

**ALL: No longer bound by fear;**

ONE: Not tempted towards destruction!

**ALL: Love is our salvation and justice is our cause.**

ONE: With the Spirit as our guide,

**ALL: We shall not be moved!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH #117

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**
- 2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

- 4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**
- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breath away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**
- 6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719; MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861; CCLI2815228

## **ACTS OF SHARING**

### **GREETING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Deaconess Anne Hillman

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Christ, who calls us by name, these days call us to push past our comfort zones. Give us the courage to be honest about what we fear. Give us the patience to listen and reflect on the why and how our fears came to be. And give us the perseverance to stay present to this labor of examination, that we might be set free to follow you with total abandon. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

To live by the Spirit is to live with joy – to live knowing that we are not bound by the limitations of evil. There is an abundance of possibilities for our life together. Ones that are rich in love, overflowing with justice, teeming with beauty and care. In faith that is the work God intends to accomplish in us, let us bring our gifts and offerings forward.

### **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**

**Creative One, you do not abandon us to cycles of harm. You lead us on paths of liberation, providing us with imagination, wisdom, community, and the love needed to birth new ways of being together. For these gifts, and for all the ways you nourish us that we might nourish one another, we give you thanks. Amen.**

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*CENTERING HYMN**

*The Summons*

TFWS #2130

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 9:51-62*

from the Inclusive Bible

As the time approached when he was to be taken from this world, Jesus firmly resolved to proceed toward Jerusalem and sent messengers on ahead. They entered a Samaritan town to make preparations for him but the Samaritans wouldn't welcome Jesus because his destination was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Rabbi, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and destroy them?" But Jesus turned and reprimanded them. Then they set off for another town.

As they were making their way along, they met a fellow traveler who said to Jesus, "I'll follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the chosen One has nowhere to rest."

To another traveler Jesus said, "Follow me."

The traveler replied, "Let me bury my father first."

Jesus said in return, "Let the dead bury their dead; you go and proclaim the reign of God everywhere."

Yet another traveler approached Jesus in this way: "I'll be your follower, Rabbi, but first let me say goodbye to my people at home."

Jesus answered, "Whoever puts a hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God."

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*But, First....*

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

CLOSING HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH #593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard  
my people cry, all who dwell in dark  
and sin, my hand will save. I who  
made the stars of night, I will make  
their darkness bright. Who will bear  
my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
*(Refrain)*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have  
borne my people's pain, I have wept  
for love of them. They turn away. I  
will break their hearts of stone; give  
them hearts for love alone. I will speak  
my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
*(Refrain)*

*(Refrain):* Here I Am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night. I  
will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will  
hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will  
tend the poor and lame, I will set a  
feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their  
hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to  
them. Whom shall I send? *(Refrain)*

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## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

With courage that comes from being together, with hope of things yet seen, and with love that sets us free, let us go from here and follow Christ in pursuit of the Kin-dom of God. May it be so. Amen

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