



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

November 6, 2022

All Saints 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; WS=Worship & Song

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Beloveds, come with a sense of adventure and awe! The journey is calling.

ALL: God is right beside us.

ONE: Beautiful travelers, everything needed is before us.

ALL: Jesus holds the map, the compass, and the light.

ONE: Blessed ones, we cannot and do not go this way alone.

ALL: The Spirit and the memory of the Saints strengthens and sustains us as we make the way by doing.

***OPENING HYMN**

For All The Saints

(adapted from UMH #711)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our faithful lives entwine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. You were their rock, their refuge and their might: you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave again and faith grows strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Still may your people, faithful, true and bold, live as the saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a glorious crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia.

Words: William W. How, 1864; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; CCLI 2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deaconess Anne Hillman

SETTING THE PACE

As we continue on our way, take a moment to relax our shoulders, set our feet firmly on the floor, shift our posture, move to a comfortable position, feel our pulse, notice our breathing, and take a few deep breaths.

Let us set aside all distractions, setting our phones, worries and preoccupations to do not disturb.

We make the way by doing and the first step on the way is committing to being fully present. We have traveled the Way of Necessity and the Way of Poverty and today we enter the Way of Authority. I invite you to hold out your hands, which already have a map and a compass, and now receive the light that God provides. Allow these gifts to guide your mind, your heart, and your steps.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Transformation, may the love and efforts of the wise saints echo blessing upon us. May we pick up their torch, co-laboring towards liberation. Bless our offerings to this purpose. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE SAINTS

ALL: (Singing) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

ONE: O God, our Guiding Light in ages past, our Healing Lamp in present travels, our Lantern of Hope for years to come, we remember with both gratitude and grief all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. In the brilliance of your Holy Light, we remember all the beloved saints who have died in the last year and who have touched our lives in small and gentle, abundance and immeasurable ways; always in our hearts. Family members of origin and of choice, friends, church members, we name them present now...

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Lois Rutt
Karen Fitzpatrick
Paula Allen
Dorothy Roddie

Rosemary Tyler
Rev. Dr. Richard Devor
Richie Campbell
Samuel Nipotib Jackon

ONE: This day, especially, O God with praise and thanksgiving, we celebrate all the saints of and in our hearts....

ALL: (singing) All in this room, I'm gonna let it shine. All in this room, I'm gonna let it shine. All in this room, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

ONE: For the COVID saints around the world, who lost their lives to this cruel pandemic that continues to impact us all. For the hopes and dreams, unfinished work, and loved ones left behind, we pause to reflect. May our collective loss renew within us a care for our neighbors, the well-being of strangers, justice and peace for all creation.

For the Saints made by war, those who have lost their lives to militarized violence and political powers and principalities. Especially for the dead in Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Myanmar...

For the Saints made by natural disaster, those who have lost their lives to fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake, drought and famine....

For all the Saints, not simply those we have named present today with the words of our mouths and the beats of our hearts, may light unending shine on them.

ALL: (singing) All over the world, I'm gonna let it shine. All over the world, I'm gonna let it shine. All over the world, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

ONE: And God, may your light shine too on us; helping us to believe what we have not seen; to trust in roads we have not yet traveled. Lead us all our journey long, that one day we too will return to our beginning; reunited in Spirit with those who went that way before us to a home not made of brick and mortar, but rather of love and grace, held together by your everlasting presence.

ALL: (singing) This little light of ours, we're gonna let it shine. This little light of ours, we're gonna let it shine. This little light of ours, we're gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***CENTERING HYMN**

In Unity We Lift Our Song

TFWS #2221

1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause of celebration. For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.

3. For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure. And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind, we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.

2. For stories told and told again to every generation, to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation. Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive, when we are far from home, and evil seasons come; how firm is our foundation.

4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver. Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver. Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away, when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing forever.

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 2:1-9

The Inclusive Bible

My siblings, your faith in our glorious Savior Jesus Christ must not allow favoritism. Suppose there should come into your assembly a person wearing gold rings and fine clothes and, at the same time, a poor person dressed in shabby clothes. Suppose further you were to take notice of the well-dressed one and say, "Sit right here, in the seat of honor" and say to the poor one, "You can stand!" or "Sit over there by my footrest." Haven't you in such a case discriminated in your hearts? Haven't you set yourselves up like judges who hand down corrupt decisions?

Listen, dear siblings: didn't God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom promised to those who love God? Yet you've treated poor people shamefully! Aren't rich people exploiting you? Aren't they the ones who haul you into the courts and who blaspheme that noble Name by which you've been called?

You're acting rightly, however, if you fulfill the venerable law of the scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show favoritism, you commit sin, and that same law convinces you as transgressors.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Way of Authority

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

ONE: We often talk about the Church as a community. In our western individualized society, it is sometimes hard to realize just how interrelated we are with other people. And yet, our lives are intertwined with the lives of others in ways that we are sometimes unaware. Whether we like to admit it or not, we are social creatures.

We also sometimes like to think that we are who we are because we have worked hard to make ourselves this way. That is, unless it is something that we do not like about ourselves, and then it is obviously due to those traumatic experiences of childhood.

Yet, if we are honest, much of what we are as human beings we owe to other people. Especially in the Church, most of us have fathers and mothers in the Faith. Sometimes those are our own parents. Sometimes they are people who loved us and were patient with us when we were bratty teenagers. Some were teachers, pastors, youth ministers, Sunday School teachers who in small or large ways helped us grow and nurtured us in life and in the Faith.

We always stand in a larger community than just those who are around us daily. For those who are older, many of those people who shaped our spiritual journey are gone now. But this is the time of year, the time near All Saints Day, that the Church calls us to remember our father and mothers in the Faith. We truly are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the Church and its people across the centuries that were faithful to God and to us.

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PRAYER

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Sing with All the Saints of Glory

UMH #702

- 1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, in the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, how the everlasting peace.**
- 2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.**
- 3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices, child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers and sages, all await the glory given.**
- 4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"**

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

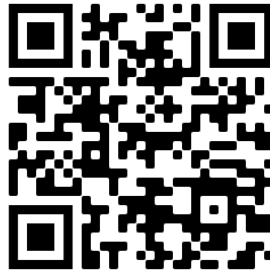
The map, the compass and the lantern have been given.

We make the path by walking it,
obedient to God's word and God's leading.

Let us go in peace. Amen.

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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.

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