



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

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Pentecost/The “Christ Blessing the Children” Window



## 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; Worship & Song

**PRELUDE**

Bobbi Thompson

**INTROIT**

Bobbi Thompson

## **ACTS OF PRAISE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: When the world divides us

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

ONE: When the world calls us orphaned

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

ONE: When the world leads us astray

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

TFWS #2237

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.

WORDS: Ruth Duck. MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844. CCLI2815228

## **ACTS OF SHARING**

### **GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of majesty and power, we tremble when we become aware of who you are. Who are we that you should visit us or expect something from us? We confess our preference for the predictable. We admit our resistance to your Spirit. We acknowledge our misuse of your gifts to us. We prefer our divisions to your unity. Forgive us, O God of power and might, that we might forgive. Draw us back into a right relationship with you, and with one another. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God has reached out to us once again, offering salvation, making us whole, drawing us into community where life is integrated and filled with meaning. The Spirit comes to us, making holy the commonplace. We are forgiven.

**We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## **INVITATION TO TAKE A “FIELD TRIP,” TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST, AND TO THE 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 wind and fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences we have allowed to divide us. May your Spirit give us the power to be the church you had hoped we would be, one body, one people seeking to build your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, set us on fire once again. Fill us with your power; in Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

## **ACTS OF PROCLAMATION**

### **SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 10: 13-16*

The Message

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: “Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kin-dom. Mark this: Unless you accept God’s kin-dom in the simplicity of a child, you’ll never get in.” Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN***For Everyone Born*

W&amp;S #3149

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,  
*(Refrain)*

*(Refrain)* and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,  
*(Refrain)*

3. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, *(Refrain)*

4. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,  
*(Refrain)*

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**\*NEW TESTAMENT READING***Acts 2: 1-17*

D. B. Hart Translation

When the day arrived that completed the fifty after Passover, they were all gathered together in one place; And suddenly there came a noise like a turbulent wind borne out of the sky, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting, and there appeared before them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest, one each upon each one of them, And they were all filled with a Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them to utter. Now dwelling in Jerusalem were devout Judaeans from every nation under the sky; And on the advent of this noise the multitude gathered, and were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and astounded, saying, “Look, are not all of these who are speaking Galilaeans? And how is it that each of us hears his own language, the languages in which we were raised — Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those living in Mesopotamia, both Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia; Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya abutting Cyrene, and visitors from Rome; Both Judaeans and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them declaring the great deeds of God in our tongues.” And all were amazed and entirely at a loss, saying to one another, “What does this portend?” But others, ridiculing them, said: “They are full of sweet new wine.” But Peter, standing up along with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

“Judaeans men, and all of you staying in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and lend your ears to my words, For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, as it is the third hour of the day; Rather, this is what was declared through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And in the last days it shall happen, says God, that I will pour forth from my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall dream dreams; Yes, in those days, I will pour forth from my Spirit even upon my male slaves and upon my female slaves, and they shall prophesy.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.

**We praise you, Spirit.**

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all.

**We praise you, Spirit.**

We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God.

**We praise you, Spirit.**

And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence.

*Silence*

God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love.

We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms.

**We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter.**

**Amen.**

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

**This is my body which is broken for you.**

**Take, eat and remember me.**

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.

Then he passed it among them with these words:

**This is my blood which is shed for you.**

**Take, drink and remember me.**

So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus and the Divine Love he showed us.

**Amen.**

Spirit, as we share this bread and wine, let it be a sharing

in Christ's body and blood, Christ's life and presence;

And may we embody your life, love, and presence

in our homes and community.

**Amen.**

## Hymn during Distribution of Elements

\*HYMN

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "The kin - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your\_ kin - dom. The".

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### **Prayer after receiving**

Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this meal of remembrance,  
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives;

May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers;

And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table  
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign  
in every word we speak  
and in everything we do.

**Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

SOZ #121

*(Refrain)*

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

2. Jordan River is chilly and cold,  
Chills the body, but not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on dis track,  
Runs to heaven and runs right back.  
*(Refrain)*

1. Upon the mountain my God spoke,  
out God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so shine,  
Ask my Lord if all was mine. *(Refrain)*

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**SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

On the day when you are wearing your certainty like a cloak and your sureness goes before you  
like a shield or like a sword,

may the sound of God's name spill from your lips as you have never heard it before.

May your knowing be undone.

May mystery confound your understanding.

May the Divine rain down in strange syllables

yet with an ancient familiarity,  
a knowing borne in the blood, the ear, the tongue,  
bringing the clarity that comes not in stone or in steel  
but in fire, in flame.

May there come one searing word:

enough to bare you to the bone,  
enough to set your heart ablaze,  
enough to make you whole again.

Go in the Spirit. Amen.

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Our speaker today is Christie Brewster. She is a member of Dearborn First UMC, the sister congregation of Central UMC that shares the title of being the oldest Protestant congregation in Michigan! She is a kindergarten teacher by day, Dean of Choir Camp at Lake Louise each summer, wife to Greg, and mom to Tyler (9.5) and Grant (6). She is passionate about children, music, and her faith and looks forward to sharing today's message with the congregation that has brought her so many friends in the faith like Amy and Cecil Deramus, Marcus Dickson, and many years of Central Choir Campers!

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### THE "CHRIST BLESSING THE CHILDREN" WINDOW

The 3-lancet corner window to the left as you stand in the rear entrance depicts the beautiful scene where children of all ages and races have gathered around their friend and master, Jesus Christ. He holds a tiny girl on His knee and His arm encircles a small boy, while some of the disciples look on and mothers bring their infants to receive His blessing.

The small medallion at the top of the center lancet shows a guardian angel hovering protectively behind an innocent tot encircling it with comforting wings. Winged cherubim adorn the other lancet heads and tracery openings.

The rose above, "I am the Good Shepherd," shows Christ, with, shepherd's crook and surrounding flock, holding in His arms the little lamb that had strayed away, but was found.

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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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