



# Central United Methodist Church

## *A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

August 6, 2023  
7th 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;  
W&S = Worship & Song

### **PRELUDE AND INTROIT**

Bobbi Thompson  
Augustus Williamson

### **ACTS OF PRAISE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Changemakers Lab VBS)

**Come on, friends, it's time to change:  
change our hearts, our lives, the world,  
with the love, love, love of God.**

**We can use our hands, hands, hands.  
We can use our feet, feet, feet.  
We can use our words, words, words.  
We can use our minds, minds, minds.  
Hurry up, now is the time!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Aleluya, Y'in Oluwa*  
(Alleluia, Praise the Lord)

Traditional Nigerian Song

## Aleluya Y'in Oluwa (Alleluia, Praise the Lord)

1. Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.  
2. Songs of joy sing to the Lord.  
3. Beat the drums, sing out for the Lord.  
4. A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa

Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord. Prais-es, high praises, now  
Songs of joy sing to the Lord. Danc-ing and singing your  
Beat the drums, sing out for the Lord. Prais-es, high praises, give  
A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa. O şeun, o şeun, o şeun,

bring to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.  
prais - es to God, songs of joy sing to the Lord.  
thanks to the Lord. Beat the drums, sing out for the Lord.  
o şeun ba - ba A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa.

# ACTS OF SHARING

## GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*We Are Changemakers*

VBS Kids

By Brian Sirchio & Chrissie Muecke

We are changemakers each and every day.  
We are changemakers in the Jesus way.  
Asking our questions, working as one, sharing  
our gifts, it can be fun. Come along and join  
with me. We are changemakers. (x2)

Asking our questions, working as one, sharing  
our gifts, it can be fun. Come along and join  
with me. We are changemakers.

Is changemaking easy? *Sometimes not.* So  
how do we do it? *We do it with God.* And  
how does God do it? God does it with love,  
love, love.

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### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*This Little Light of Mine*

VBS Kids

**\*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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*CENTERING HYMN** *They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love*

TFWS #2223

**1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

**we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that  
God is in our land. (Refrain)**

*(Refrain)*

**3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side. We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)**

*(Refrain)*

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other,**

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# ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

**\*SCRIPTURE** (Please Stand)

*Mark 1:115*

Common English Bible

Jesus said, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kin-dom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE**

*Creating Changemakers*

Deaconess Anne Hillman

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*All The Time*

Changemakers Lab VBS

By Bryan Sirchio

## All the Time

Capo 2

E(D) E7(D7) A(G) F#m7(Em7)  
All the time and ev-'ry-where, we give thanks and praise to the

E(D) C#m7(Bm7) F#m7(Em7) B7(A7)  
God who's with us ev-'ry min-ute in ev-'ry place.

E(D) E7(D7) A(G) F#m7(Em7)  
Giv-ing strength, teach-ing love, guid-ing and sur-round-ing us

E(D) C#m7(Bm7) F#m7(Em7) B7(A7) | 1. E(D)  
all the time and ev-'ry - where.

2. E(D) C#m7(Bm7) F#(E) F#7(E7)  
All the time and ev-'ry-where

B(A) G#m7(F#m7) F#(E) D#m7(C#m7)  
we give thanks and praise to the God who's with us

G#m7(F#m7) C#7(B7) F#(E) F#7(E7)  
ev-'ry min-ute in ev-'ry place. Giv-ing strength, teach-ing love,

B(A) G#m(F#m) F#(E) G#m7(F#m7) C#7(B7) F#(E)  
guid-ing and sur-round-ing us, all the time and ev-'ry-where.

# BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

**\*BENEDICTION** (Changemakers Lab VBS)

VBS Kids

**I am a changemaker!**

**I am loved by God.**

**I can share God's love with everyone I meet.**

**I can work with others to solve problems.**

**I can share so everyone has enough.**

**I can become friends with people who are different.**

**I can help create a beautiful world**

**I can change the world!**

**POSTLUDE**

Bobbi Thompson



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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)