



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

August 8th, 2021

Eleventh 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

**PRELUDE**

Daniel Dillingham

**INTROIT**

Bobbi Thompson

## ACTS OF PRAISE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (written by Thom Shuman)

ONE: In these moments, in this family of faith, the God of gentleness, gathers us together:

**ALL: Hoping that our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.**

ONE: In this place, in this Body shaped by God's grace, Christ, the Bread of life, calls us to service:

**ALL: Hoping our comfort level of complacency might be transformed into compassion for the needy all around us.**

ONE: In our hearts, our mouths, our actions, the Spirit of holiness gifts us with truth:

**ALL: Hoping our faltering, fumbling words might be transfigured into good news.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*All Who Hunger*

TFWS #2126

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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## **ACTS OF SHARING**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Deaconess Anne Hillman

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Bread for the World)**

**We believe that bread comes from grain that grows in the wind and the rain with the farmers' help and far from the eyes of city folk.**

**We believe that bread come from love  
the love of God  
the love of the farmer  
the love of the baker's hands  
the love of those who bring it to me.**

**We believe that bread can be and should be broken and shared  
and given to all persons until all have enough and then some.**

**We believe that Jesus loved bread  
and took it  
and broke it  
and blessed it  
and fed his disciples  
and asked them to feed us forever.**

**We believe enough in bread  
to want it from Jesus  
to want it to nurture us  
to want his life through it  
to want to give life through it.**

**We believe that his body as bread feeds us  
and as part of his body  
I want to be bread for others.  
I believe the spirit will help me as well as Jesus' people. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO 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**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **HYMN**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

UMH #629

(Refrain) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving God, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, God, we follow and rejoice. *(Refrain)*
2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, God to share this heavenly food. *(Refrain)*
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the life of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *(Refrain)*

4. The mystery of your presence, God, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *(Refrain)*
5. You give yourself to us, O god; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *(Refrain)*

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## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### GOSPEL LESSON

*John 6:35, 41-51* The Inclusive Bible

Jesus explained to them, “I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

The Temple authorities started to grumble in protest because Jesus claimed, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

“Stop your grumbling,” Jesus told them. “No one came come to me unless drawn by Abba God, who sent me – and those I will raise up on the last day. It is written in the prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard God’s word and has learned from it comes to me. Not that anyone has seen Abba God – only the one who is from God has seen Abba God. The truth of the matter is, those who believe have eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, and if you eat it you’ll never die.

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery. Come.

**ALL: We are ready!**

ONE: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.”

**ALL: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!**

ONE: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said....

**ALL: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

ONE: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

**ALL:** “Take, drink. This is my life of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

**ONE:** Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

**ALL:** We participate in the Body of Christ.

**ONE:** Through the cup of blessing...

**ALL:** We participate in the new life Christ gives.

**ONE:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Let us share together this meal of communion.

## **PRAYER**

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do; to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Woke Up This Morning*

TFWS #2082

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed on Jesus, woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed on Jesus, Woke up this morning with my mind and it was stayed on Jesus, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah
2. Oh, you can’t hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed on Jesus.

3. Makes you love everybody with mind, when you keep it stayed on Jesus.
4. Oh, the devil can’t catch you in your mind, if you keep it stayed on Jesus.
5. Oh, yes, Jesus is the captain in your mind, when you keep it stayed on Jesus.

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# **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

If you have found some of the good bread of Christ here this day,  
then don't hesitate to share it with others.

For this is the bread that increases the more it is given away,  
and nourishes us best in the presence of goodwill and laughter.

Go on your way in good spirits, for the best is yet to come.  
The grace of our Savior,  
the love of our Creator,  
and the friendship of our Enabler,  
will be with us this day and evermore. Amen! (Written by Bruce Prewer)

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