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October 25, 2026

Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

& Hispanic Heritage Month

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.

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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.

WELCOME TO CENTRAL

Central United Methodist Church is proud to be in the heart of Detroit and excited to welcome you to worship this morning. Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or you've been coming here for years, welcome!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are celebrated here at Central, and we have diverse options for them to experience worship and learn about God.

The **Grace Space** (located in the SW corner of the sanctuary) is always available for our littlest ones to play and wiggle during worship.

Worship Boxes are available (along the south wall of the sanctuary) for our elementary-aged children and youth. Inside, are materials to help understand and participate in worship. Children and youth may choose to sit as a group in their special pews or take a worship box back to sit with their adults.

On **First Sundays** our worship service is focused on being intergenerational and all children and youth stay in the sanctuary for the whole service.

Near the beginning of the worship service there is a **Children's Message** offered at the front of the sanctuary and all children are invited to come forward as they are comfortable and sit at the base of the steps.

After the Children's Message, on 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday's children in Kindergarte-5th grades are dismissed for **Sunday School** on the 3rd floor. Youth are dismissed for Sunday School on 2nd and 4th Sundays, also on the 3rd floor. Children in K-5th grade should be picked up from their classroom by their adults after the worship service.

The **Nursery** is always open for use by families on the 1st floor across the lobby from the sanctuary, but it is only staffed on 1st Sundays.

ACTS OF PRAISE

WELCOME

PRELUDE Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

***INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (from *enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)
Mystic and community spiritual advisor, Julian of Norwich, lived in a time that felt like the world was ending. Extraordinary floods, a horrific plague, and persistent violence made her landscape not unlike our own. During this time, she wrote: Where do we begin? Begin with the heart. Beloveds, let us begin with our hearts—touching it for wisdom and compassion, that, amidst a rattling world, we might build structures of Love.

***OPENING HYMN** *O God, We Read the Holy Law*

O God, we read the holy law
to shape our ways of living
like those who first in fear and awe
received it with thanksgiving.
These laws that Jesus knew
he summarized with two
that capture best the whole:
"With heart, mind, strength, and soul,
love God, and love your neighbor."

All people born of God above
will live as Jesus taught us:
God's chosen children practice love,
for God in love has sought us.
we know love never fails;
and through love, good prevails.
When all else turns to dust,
in this we place our trust:
God's love endures forever.

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*Indicates when to stand in body or in spirit
**Please silence cell phones

Hymnal Guide: W&S=Worship & Song, UMH=United Methodist Hymnal,
TWFS=The Faith We Sing

So let our love for God be known
in how we treat creation—
true love in word and action shown
to ev'ry tongue and nation.
If we would heed this call
and offer love to all,
then we must surely praise
our source of love always:
to God alone be glory!

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History of the Hymn: *"The writer of this hymn, Michael Schneider, was a sixteenth-century leader of Philippite Anabaptists. He and other members of his group wrote hymns while they were in prison in Passau (Germany). Written in the context of persecution, Schneider's texts reflect an emphasis on discipleship as the surrender of one's life to God. Schneider's hymn echoes today's Gospel, reading and living God's law through the lens of the two great commandments. " (from Word and Song: A Lectionary Reflection, The Hymn Society, https://thehymnsociety.org/category/word-and-song/)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

Please help us know you were here in worship today by scanning the QR code with your phone. There is also a place for notes and prayer. Requests for the pastor.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deaconess Anne Hillman

ACTS OF SHARING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Brandon Reeves

For electronic giving, please use this QR code

***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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM *God Has a Gift for You* by David H. Williams

***SCRIPTURE** *Matthew: 22: 34-40* Rev Paul Perez

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered:

"'You must love the Most High God
With all your heart,
With all your soul and
With all your mind.'

"That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Rev. Paul Perez & Natalie Bien-Aime

***CLOSING HYMN** *God of All Peoples*

God of all peoples, cultures and nations,
God of the poor and wealthy ones, too —
Be with our land as we make decisions;
Help us, we pray, to listen to you.

May we hear well your call to do justice;
May we know all your children have worth.
May we seek leaders who will end violence;
May we choose ones who care for your earth.

May we be thoughtful in our decisions:
Who will be truthful, moral and wise?
Who will restore the streets that we live in?
Who will love those whom others despise?

How will the ones campaigning to lead us
Care for the stranger, outcast and poor?
Will they hear ones who long have been silenced?
Or will they say that wealth matters more?

God, may this time of anger be over;
May we grow past our current divide.
Make us as one, as sisters and brothers;
In this good land, may your love abide.

Tune: Traditional Gaelic melody, BUNESSAN, ("Morning Has Broken")
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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTON

POSTLUDE

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED UNDER CCLI STREAM PLUS 21469425

Your Greeters today are: Tom Robinson
Your Ushers today are: Inez Torbert, Mollika Biernat & Jay Biernat

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INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Central UMC is committed to using inclusive language for God and humanity. You will find that some words have been changed in hymns or familiar prayers in order to be more inclusive.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

This worship service is livestreamed on Facebook and posted to Youtube each week. Those leading worship up on the chancel and those sitting in the center pews and the first 3 pews of the South section will be recorded by the cameras. If you would rather not have your image shown on the livestream, please sit in the side pews and allow others to come to you for passing of the peace. The children's Grace Space will always be out of view from the cameras.

To submit a request to take down a video containing your image please use this form:

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CENTRAL EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY: ***Small Group discussion*** regarding the Sanctuary Renovation.

Wednesday, October 28th: ***Faith Book Club*** at Swords into Plowshares, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28th, ***Choir Rehearsal***, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, November 1st, ***All Saints Sunday***

1st Sunday Fellowship following worship service.

Sunday, November 1st, ***Going Deeper Sermon Discussion*** following Worship Service

Sunday, November 1st ***Lions Game,*** 1:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings time ends Turn Clocks back 1 hour.

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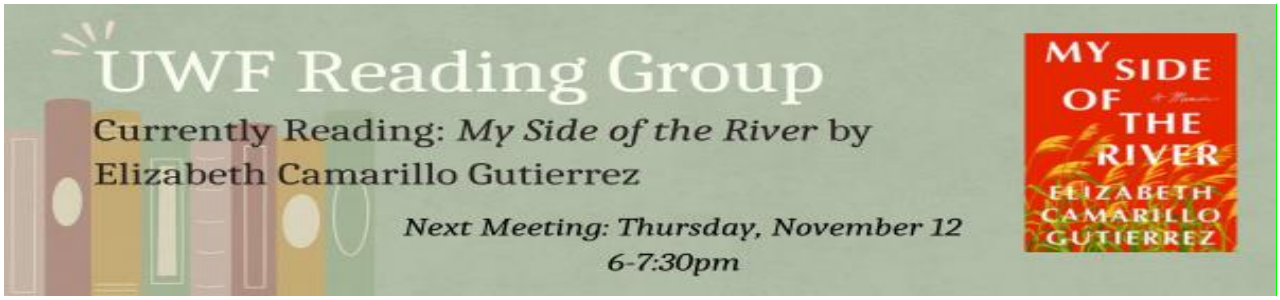
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Sunday School!

The K-5th grade Sunday School class meets on 2-5th Sundays and the Youth class will meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Both classes take place during worship, after the Children's Message. Classrooms are on the 3rd floor, and parents should pick up their K-5th grade students after worship.









NURTURING & CIRCLE OF CARE

These persons are in assisted living, confined to their homes or institution, are ill, or in need of special prayers.

Ruth Biersdorf	Faith Carpenter	Dia Pearce	Naomi Mason
Sue Wabeke	Nadine Feinberg	Charles & Josefina Ford	

October Birthdays		
1st JD Gladstone	10th William Francis	18th Carlyn Robinson
4th Ruth Biersdorf	10th Zahatia Sorho	19th Rev Paul Perez
5th Karai Jackson	10th William Francis	23rd Annabella Adams
6th Abraham Ellison	11th Charles Ford	23rd Elin Chambers
7th Sylvia Oatley	12th Arthur Park	25th June Railkar
8th Dylan Adams	16th John McDougall	

All Saints Potluck

Many cherished family memories center around meals and favorite dishes served with love. For All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st, you are invited to bring a dish in honor of a loved one who has passed away. Whether it's a recipe handed down through the generations or the store bought cookies your aunt always brought to family birthday parties, we want to share in your memories.

DIRECTIONS:

- Choose a family member or members to remember and honor
- Think of a dish they made or loved to eat or always bought for family gatherings
- Cook, bake, or buy that special dish
- Bring the dish to church on Sunday, November 1st for our potluck following worship.
  - By 10am we'll have the oven ready for warming, the fridge cleared for keeping things cool, and outlets prepared for crockpots
- Share your memories around the table after worship

Information for All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is on
Sunday, November 1, 2026.

You are invited to bring photographs of loved ones who have died in the past year to be placed on our altar ofrenda during worship.



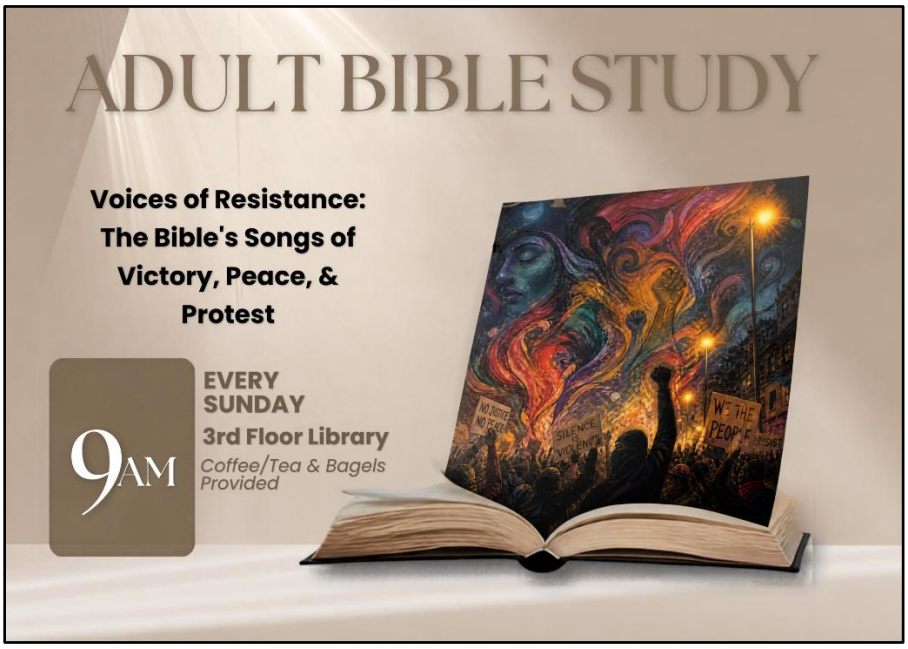


Daylight Savings Time

Its that time again, next Sunday, November 1, 2026 will be time to turn your clocks back one hour for Daylight Savings Time Change.


CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Central's Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, December 13th as part of our Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals start Sunday, November 15th - following worship for 15 minutes. Let Miss Maggie or Deaconess Anne know if your child will be participating


Third Thursday Fellowship
GAME NIGHT
Bring a friend or your whole DND crew!
19TH NOVEMBER
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
4th Floor Clara Webb Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite board or card game or come prepared to play one of the church's games.
Beverages & Snacks Provided (or bring your essential game snack to share)


ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Voices of Resistance: The Bible's Songs of Victory, Peace, & Protest
9AM
EVERY SUNDAY
3rd Floor Library
Coffee/Tea & Bagels Provided