



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent: *Faithful Lent - Repentance*

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

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from *enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

ONE: With honesty and courage, God calls us to take account of evil and injustice.

ALL: To consider it in community.

ONE: To reflect in silence.

ALL: To pay attention in public.

ONE: The love of God makes known our transgressions.

ALL: Not for shame nor for guilt, but for deliverance and freedom.

ONE: Mercy comes to take our hand.

ALL: The way of salvation is set before us.

ONE: Thanks be to God, our redeemer and friend.

***OPENING HYMN**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. (Repeat)

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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

ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Lord Knows arr. by Patsy Ford Blevins

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***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 *(adapted from enflashed: liturgy that matters)*

During the season of Lent, we pay particular attention to the gifts of repentance and accountability. Where evil has led us astray, God makes known an alternative route. A way of justice. A way of joy. A way that deepens our connections to each other. With gratitude, we offer these gifts. Amen.

LEGACY PARTNER INTERVIEW – United Tenant Council of Councils

Dee Davis, President

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Ain't Got Time to Die, words and music by Hal Johnson
Joe Stevenson, Tenor

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-4

What can we say, then? Should we go on sinning so that grace might abound? Of course not! We're dead to sin, so how can we continue to live in it?

Don't you know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into Christ's death? We've been buried with Jesus through baptism, and we joined with Jesus in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by God's glory, we too might live a new life.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

It was then that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: "You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests."

Immediately the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds and believe this Good News!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Faithful Lent - Repentance

Rev. Paul Perez

*CLOSING HYMN

I Surrender All, v. 1 & 5

UMH #354

**1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I
freely give; I will ever love and trust
him, in his presence daily live.
(Refrain)**

**5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel
the sacred flame. O the joy of full
salvation! Glory, glory to his name!
(Refrain)**

(Refrain) **I surrender all, I surrender
all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I
surrender all.**

WORDS: J.W. Van Deventer, 1896; MUSIC: W.S. Weeden, 1896; CCLI
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BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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In a culture where punishment and vindictiveness are substitutes for justice,
and safety is sought through surveillance and security,

may we be creative and courageous in community.

Holding each other accountable for harm,

welcoming the accountability of others,

and accompanying one another with truth and grace,

we turn from domination and control

towards love that protects and transforms.

With assurance of God's steadfast companionship,

may it be so among us.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Yvette Meadow & Angela Bakeley Receptionists

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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 Waawiyataanong (“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)