



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Feasting On Grace: “More Than Enough”

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

Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

The introit are times for silent prayer and meditation guided by some of our gifted musicians.

ACTS OF PRAISE

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

ONE: To offer radical acceptance,

ALL: to receive the warmth of welcome,

ONE: to devote ourselves to acts of ordinary care,

ALL: to rest for the sake of rest,

ONE: to unlearn the logic of violence,

ALL: to practice expansive compassion—

ONE: this is to meet the Holy,

ALL: this is to co-create the World to Come.

ONE: For even amidst tumult,

ALL: liberation can be tended like a garden.

ONE: Let us worship God—

ALL: the Holy woven through our days.

OPENING HYMN

A Place at the Table W&S #3149, v. 1, 3, 5

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, yes, God
will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy, justice and joy!
3. 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)
5. 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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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

If My People Will Pray music by Jimmy Owen's Laura Burger

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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 (*enfleshed: liturgy that matters*)

We dedicate our offerings to Liberating Love who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the collective power that is at work between us. To Liberating Love be the glory for all generations, to all flora & fauna, for ever and ever! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE**

John 6:1-15

Sometime later, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee—that is, Lake Tiberius—and a huge crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by healing sick people. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with the disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowd approaching and said to Philip, “Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?” Jesus knew very well what he was going to do, but asked this to test Philip’s response.

Philip answered, “Not even with two hundred days’ wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!”

One of the disciples, Simon Peter’s brother Andrew, said, “There’s a small boy here with five barley loaves and two dried fish. But what good is that for so many people?”

Jesus said to them, “Make the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand families sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting there; he did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they could eat.

When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to the disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing gets wasted.” So they picked them up and filled twelve baskets with the with the scraps left over from the five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that Jesus had performed, said, “Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world.” Seeing that they were about to come and carry him off to crown him as a ruler, Jesus escaped into the hills alone.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

More Than Enough

Rev. Paul Perez

***CLOSING MUSIC**

Yvette Meadows and Friends

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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May we rage

May we weep

May we love

May we mourn

May we dream

May we dance

May we organize

May we get each other free

Go with God, who holds it all and is not afraid

POSTLUDE

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Debra Cox, Office Administrator

Dave Wilson, Maintenance Manager

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)