



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

October 30, 2022
24th 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; WS=Worship & Song

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

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ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Beloveds, come with curiosity and wonder! The journey is calling.

ALL: God leads us on our way.

ONE: Beautiful travelers, everything needed is before us.

ALL: Jesus holds the map and compass.

ONE: Blessed ones, your presence makes the path more complete.

ALL: The Spirit steers and stirs us along as we make the way by doing.

***OPENING HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

**1. All creatures of our God and King, lift
up your voice and with us sing, O
praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun
with golden beam, O sister moon with
silver gleam! (Refrain)**

(Refrain) **O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. O brother wind, air, clouds and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain, O
praise ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn,
in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening,
find a voice! (Refrain)**

**3. O sister water, flowing clear, make
music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia!
Alleluia! O brother fire who lights the
night, providing warmth, enhancing
sight, (Refrain)**

**4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on your way,
Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and
fruits that in thee grow, let them God's
glory also show! (Refrain)**

**5. All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O
praise ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain
and sorrow bear, praise God and on
him cast your care! (Refrain)**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

SETTING THE PACE

As we continue on our way, take a moment to relax our shoulders, set our feet firmly on the floor, shift our posture, move to a comfortable position, feel our pulse, notice our breathing, and take a few deep breaths.

Let us set aside all distractions, setting our phones, worries and preoccupations to do not disturb.

We make the way by doing and the first step on the way is committing to being fully present. This second week of our Stewardship Journey, we exit the Way of Necessity and embark on the Way of Poverty. I invite you to hold out your hands, which already have a map, and now receive the compass that God provides. Allow these gifts to guide your mind, your heart and your steps.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

ONE: Today we pray with inspiration from the words of St. Francis of Assisi.

ALL: O God, make me an instrument of your peace.

ONE: Let us lift up the places where war and disaster rage.

ALL: Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

ONE: Let us ask God to soften our hearts and lead us to where love is needed.

ALL: Where there is injury, pardon;

ONE: Let us reflect on the places in our own lives, families and communities where healing is needed.

ALL: Where there is doubt, faith;

ONE: Let us remember those times when just a mustard seed of faith brought us through.

ALL: Where there is despair, hope;

ONE: Let us consider what hope we hold and how we offer it to others in difficult situations.

ALL: Where there is darkness, light;

ONE: Let us commit to shining brightly that all creation might be illumined by the brilliance of God.

ALL: And where there is sadness, joy.

ONE: Let us resolve to never permit the sadness of the world to overcome us, to be joyful in the knowledge that we do not journey alone.

ALL: O Divine One, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

ONE: In all things may we seek balance.

ALL: To be understood as to understand;

ONE: May we recognize our worth and our needs are no more or less important than those of others.

ALL: To be loved as to love.

ONE: May we love God, neighbor and self in equal measure.

ALL: For it is in giving that we receive;

ONE: Enable us to open our minds, our hearts, our hands.

ALL: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

ONE: Empower us to forgive.

ALL: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

ONE: Enliven us to live fully, graciously, generously.

ALL: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Helen Monroe

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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: We dedicate these offerings, that all may have enough, oh Justice-Making God—nourishment, rest, joy, support, care. That we may learn to live softly, oh Compassionate Spirit—never exploiting ourselves, each other, or our precious planet home. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

***CENTERING HYMN**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS #2171

- 1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, God, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**
- 2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.**
- 3. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.**
- 4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:17-31

The Inclusive Bible

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, someone came running up and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing. No bearing false witness. No defrauding. Honor your mother and your father."

The other replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my childhood."

Then Jesus looked at the person with love and said, "There is one thing more that you must do. Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that, come and follow me."

At these words, the inquirer, who owned much property became crestfallen and went away sadly.

Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it is for rich people to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples could only marvel at these words. So Jesus repeated what he had said: “My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle’s Eye gate than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at this and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible – but not for God. With God all things are possible.”

Peter was moved to say to Jesus, “We have left everything to follow you!”

Jesus answered, “The truth is, there is no one who has left home, sisters or brothers, mother or father, children or fields for me and for the sake of the Gospel who won’t receive a hundred times as much in this present age – as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children and property, though not without persecution – and in the age to come, everlasting life.

“Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Way of Poverty

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***CLOSING HYMN**

I Surrender All

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)

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

**2. All to Jesus, I surrender; humbly at his
feet I bow, worldly pleasures all
forsaken; take me Jesus, take me now.**

(Refrain)

**3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me,
Savior, wholly thine; make me feel the
Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art
mine. *(Refrain)***

**4. All to Jesus I surrender; God, I give
myself to thee; fill me with thy love
and power, let thy blessing fall on me.
*(Refrain)***

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

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

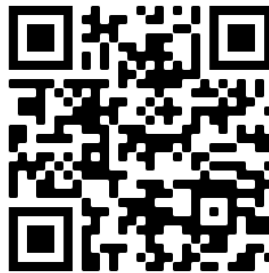
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The map and the compass has been given. We make the path by walking it, obedient to God's word and God's leading. Let us go in peace. Amen.

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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)