



# Central United Methodist Church

## *A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

October 6, 2024

## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

### Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month & World Communion Sunday

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

#### PRELUDE

Brandon Reeves & Augustus Williamson

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

#### ACTS OF PRAISE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from a World Communion Sunday Liturgy from Canada, by Richard Blott)

**ONE:** The whole world is in God's hands.

**ALL: Everything that lives and breaths. Everything that simply is. Everything.**

**ONE:** From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

**ALL: God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!**

**ONE:** With our siblings around the world, those profess faith in Christ, and those who live other paths, we celebrate Life and Love!

**ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*A Place at the Table*

W&S#3149

**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,  
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 GATHERING**

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



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Augustus Williamson

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Deaconess Anne Hillman

## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew: 14:13-21*

When Jesus heard about the beheading, he left Nazareth by boat and went to a deserted place to be alone. The crowds heard of this and followed him from their towns on foot. When Jesus disembarked and the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he healed their sick.

As evening drew on, the disciples approached Jesus and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy some food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them: “There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves.”

“We have nothing here,” they replied, “but five loaves and a couple of fish.”

“Bring them here,” Jesus said. Then he ordered the crowds to sit on the grass. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed the food, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, who in turn gave it to the people.

All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. About five thousand families were fed.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*Mateo 14:13-21 (Reina-Valera 1960)*

Oyéndolo Jesús, se apartó de allí en una barca a un lugar desierto y apartado; y cuando la gente lo oyó, le siguió a pie desde las ciudades.

Y saliendo Jesús, vio una gran multitud, y tuvo compasión de ellos, y sanó a los que de ellos estaban enfermos.

Cuando anochece, se acercaron a él sus discípulos, diciendo: El lugar es desierto, y la hora ya pasada; despide a la multitud, para que vayan por las aldeas y compren de comer.

Jesús les dijo: No tienen necesidad de irse; dadles vosotros de comer.

Y ellos dijeron: No tenemos aquí sino cinco panes y dos peces.

Él les dijo: Traédmelos acá.

Entonces mandó a la gente recostarse sobre la hierba; y tomando los cinco panes y los dos peces, y levantando los ojos al cielo, bendijo, y partió y dio los panes a los discípulos, y los discípulos a la multitud.

Y comieron todos, y se saciaron; y recogieron lo que sobró de los pedazos, doce cestas llenas.

Y los que comieron fueron como cinco mil hombres, sin contar las mujeres y los niños.

### MESSAGE

Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero

## ACTS OF SHARING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*At the Table of the Lord* by Jay Althouse

Diana Oatley, handbells



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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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(adapted from a World Communion Sunday Liturgy from Canada, by Richard Blott)

ONE: God is with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift our hearts to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to God, our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: We do give you thanks, and we do praise you, God of all creation. From before there was a beginning, until after there is an end, you were and are and always will be. All creation is animate – alive –in you, and with you, and beside you. For everything that is, came into being through you. In praise and thanksgiving, with leaves that whisper, brooks that babble, coyotes that yip, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the squirmers and the squiggles – even the stars above, we join in this unending hymn of praise ...

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

ONE: For we, who follow the Way of Jesus, this is a day we remember all who gather to eat the bread and drink from the cup. We come together to re-member, that we are Christ's people, all around the world. On the night before he was taken to his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, he took bread, gave thanks to you, God of all creation, and offered it to those gathered at the table,

**ALL: Take this and eat.**

**This is my life, given for you.**

**Each time you eat it, remember me.**

**ONE:** After the meal was over,  
he took a cup of wine, and gave thanks to you,  
God of all love.

He offered it to those gathered at the table,

**ALL: Take this and drink.**

**This is my promise, is my love,**

**poured out for you.**

**Each time you drink it, remember me.**

**ONE:** So we eat, we drink, and we remember.

We eat, we drink, and we remember.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**We celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present,**

**in these gifts, and in us,**

**that they – and we – can be Christ’s gifts to the world. Amen**

## **SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

**ONE:** Jesus Christ, the bread of life!

**ALL: Amen!**

**ONE:** Jesus Christ, the cup of love.

**ALL: Amen!**

**ONE:** The gifts of God, for all God’s people!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Francisco Tinoco, Guitar

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ALL: For the bread we have eaten,  
for the drink we have tasted,  
for the Spirit in which we live,  
we thank you, God of all love!  
May this burst of flavor,  
be on our lips and in our hearts,  
so we can share your love,  
with your world.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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#### CHORAL BENEDICTION *EN Todo Haz El Bien (Rule of Life)*

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can; at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can, as long as ever you can.*

#### POSTLUDE

Francisco Tinoco, Guitar

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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)