



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

July 14, 2024

Eighth 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.

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: Align our actions with our dreams for the world.

ALL: Protect us from distraction, Steadfast One.

ONE: Teach us to ignore those who profit from our diversion.

ALL: Protect us from distraction, Steadfast One.

ONE: Plant our attention in what gives us life.

ALL: Protect us from distraction, Steadfast One.

ONE: Like a flower towards sun,

ALL: ground us in the warmth of your presence.

ONE: Turn our faces in the direction of your Love.

ALL: Protect us from distraction, Steadfast One.

***OPENING HYMN** *Let Justice Flow like Streams* The New Century Hymnal, #588

1. Let justice flow like streams of
sparkling water, pure, Enabling
growth, refreshing life, abundant,
cleansing, sure.

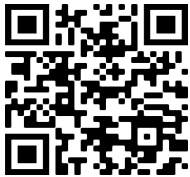
3. So may god's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true, And
justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

2. Let righteousness roll on as others
cares we heed, An ever flowing
stream of faith translated into deed.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.; Aaron Williams' New Universal
Psalmody, 1770; CCLI 2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

Augustus Williamson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Impossible Dream, Lyrics by Joe Darion, Music by Mitch Leigh
Roderick Reese, Solo

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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*)

Ground of Being, out of our love for each other, we are invited to compassionate ways of living. Rooted in the wisdom of the present moment and in the logic of liberation. Bless our offerings to our spiritual growth and to our steadfastness in causes of righteousness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Sovereign God showed me:

God was standing by a wall, a plumb line in hand.

“What do you see, Amos?” God asked me.

“A plumb line,” I said.

Then God said to me,

“Look, I am going to measure my people Israel by plumb line.

I will no longer excuse their atrocities.

The high places of Isaac are going to be ruined,

The sanctuaries of Israel destroyed.

With sword in hand,

I will attack the House of Jeroboam.”

Amaziah the priest of Bethel then sent the following message to Jeroboam ruler of Israel:

“Amos is plotting against you in the midst of the House of Israel. The country can no longer tolerate what he keeps saying. For this is what he says, ‘Jeroboam is going to die by the sword, and Israel is going into exile from its land.’”

Amaziah told Amos, “Go away, seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there. Do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel. This is the royal sanctuary, the national Temple!”

Amos answered Amaziah: “I am no prophet. Nor am I the disciple of prophet. I was a shepherd and gathered figs for food. But God took me from herding the flock, and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Perez

*CLOSING HYMN

Bring Forth the Kin-dom

TWFS #2190

**1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kin-dom of God! Share
the flavor of life, O people: Life in
the Kin-dom of God! (Refrain)**

(Refrain) **Bring forth the Kin-dom of
mercy, bring forth the Kin-dom of
peace; bring forth the Kin-dom of
justice, bring forth the City of God!**

**3. You are a seed of the Word, O
people: Bring forth the Kin-dom of
God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of
justice, grow in the Kin-dom of
God! (Refrain)**

**4. We are a blest and pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kin-dom of God!
Love our journey and love our
homeland: Love is the Kin-dom of
God! (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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Let us go forth offering our attention to what give us life
and aligning our actions with work of the Kin-dom of God.

POSTLUDE

I Got a Home In-A Dat Rock, arr by H.T. Burleigh

Roderick Reese, Solo
Brandon Reeves, Piano

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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 Waawiyaaataanong (“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)