



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany/Black History Month

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

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

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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 Waawiyaataanong (“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)

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: As dawn illuminates the day set before us,

ALL: As weather, mild and fierce, moves across the lands we call home.

ONE: As birdcall chimes the setting of the sun,

ALL: So the Holy Spirit wakes, moves and sings with us.

ONE: Let us Worship the Creating and Abiding God.

*OPENING HYMN

Blessed Are They

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQhGYj4WBs0>

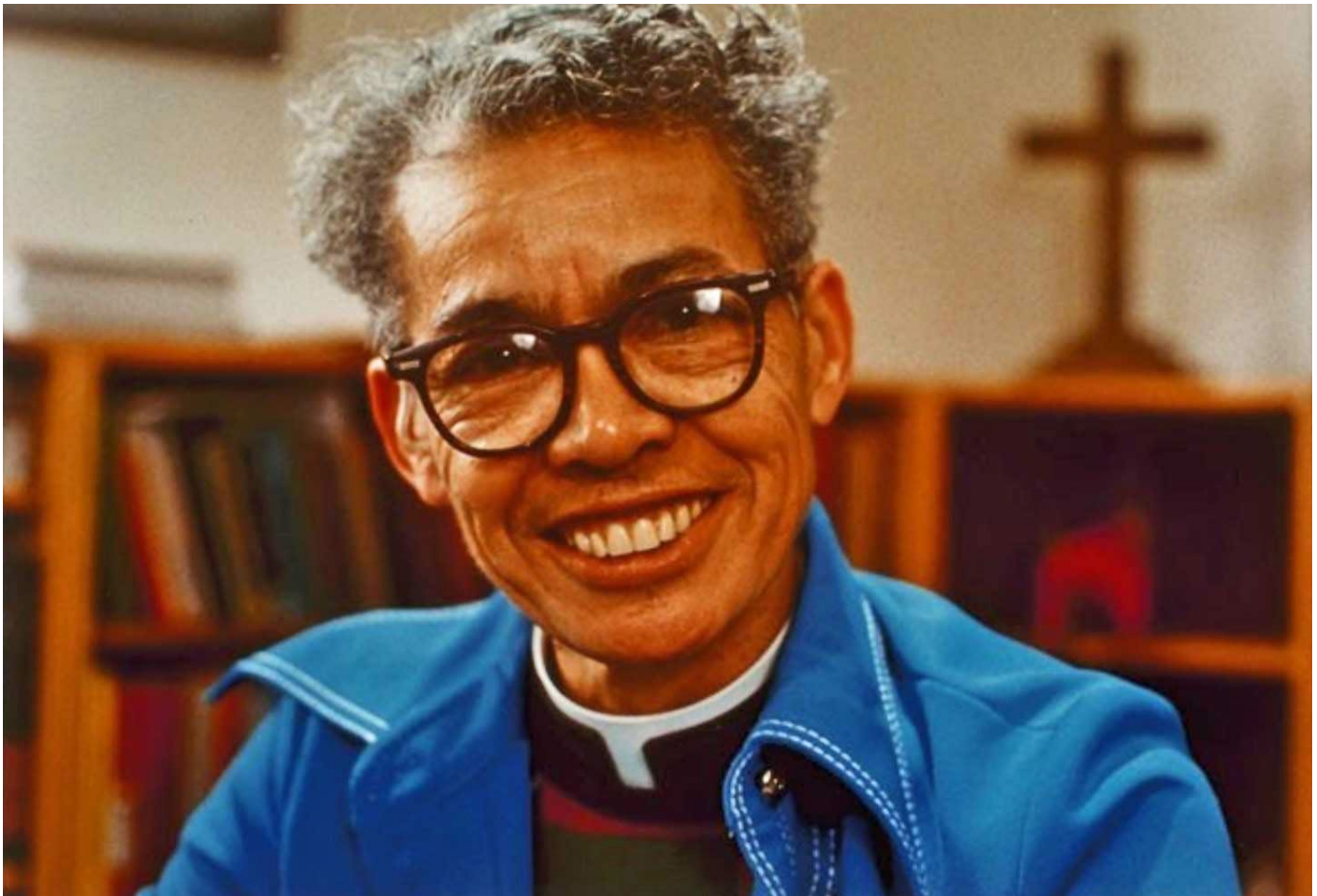
ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF THE MOVEMENT

Pauli Murray (1910-1985)



TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconness Anne Hillman

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Kindred God, we long to feel connection with our bodies, the land and each other. dominant forces make it difficult to move slow enough to do so. We are deterred from lingering with breath, bumble bee, birth tree, and beloveds. Enable our resistance to systems and norms that profit from numbing-out and rushing past. We hope to learn to practice the pace of connection. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Esteemed poet and member of the Creek Nation, Joy Harjo, writes that humans who say trees are not living beings must not notice “the singing of trees when they are fed by wind, or water music – or do not attune to their cries of anguish when they are broken and bereft.” Come, let us bring our offerings that our kin – plant, animal, land and human – might be honored, for our thriving depends on one another.

OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sacred Energy, we remember we are part of nature. We give thanks for the wisdom of nature, teaching us that it is not through hoarding, but through sharing, we, too, receive life. May our offerings reach like roots toward every need, providing sustenance in this ecosystem of care we call the beloved community. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CENTERING HYMN

Guide My Feet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DcQWoZhmm0>

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

from the Inclusive Bible

Coming down the mountain with them, Jesus stopped in a level area where there were a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon – people who had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said: “You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You who hunger now are blessed, for you’ll be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you’ll laugh.

You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One. On the day they do so, rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets the same way.

But woe to you rich, for you are now receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are full, for you’ll go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you’ll weep in your grief. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Saluted or Scorned?

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

CLOSING HYMN

Give to The Winds Thy Fears

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQI9_erLb4U

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

Go in the Spirit of our Sibling, Jesus,
who washed the earth off of the feet of those he loved,
who cooked fish with friends on the beach,
who teaches us that in honoring the earthy and the ordinary
that we find ourselves, each other and the holy. Go in peace. Amen.

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