



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867.

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Native American Ministries 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

Huron Flute Circle

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** ("A Directional Prayer," Ray Buckley, *Tlingit/Lakota*)

ONE: Here, in this place,

ALL: *You have chosen to be with us.*

ONE: We turn to the east, where the morning sun awaits us,

ALL: *and Your light is there.*

ONE: We turn to the south, from which warm winds blow,

ALL: *and Your spirit warms us.*

ONE: We turn to the west the place of the unknown,

ALL: *and Your certainty awaits us.*

ONE: We turn to the north, the place of wisdom,

ALL: *and find Your wisdom is already here.*

ONE: Around, before, and behind us,

ALL: *Your presence is here.*

ONE: We open our arms and our hearts, so that *You* may come inside.

See that we are a good place for *You* to live.

ALL: *See that we are Your children,*

ONE: and you are our God.

ALL: *Live in us. Amen.*

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***OPENING HYMN**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

TFWS #2050

**1. Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.**

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

**2. Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light, grain of life,
and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

**3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r until I know.**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

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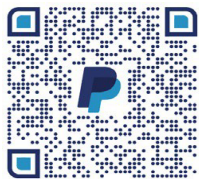
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deaconess, Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter



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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

ANTHEM

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 13: 1-8

(First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

As they were walking away from the sacred lodge, one of his followers said to him. “Look, Wisdomkeeper, these buildings are made from such hand-somely carved logs and great stones!”

Do you see all these great buildings?” he replied. “They will all fall to the ground! Not one log or stone will be left standing against another.”

Later that day Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was sitting on Olive Mountain across from the sacred lodge.

While he was there, four of his followers—Stands on the rock (Peter), He Takes over (James) He shows Goodwill (John) and Stands with Courage (Andrew)—came to him in private.

“Tell us when these things will happen,” they said with worried looks on their faces. “What sign should we be looking for?”

“Stay alert or you may be led down a false path!” he told them. “Many will come representing me. ‘I am the Chose One,’ they will claim, and many will listen to their lies.

“When you hear of wars and stories of war breaking out, do not fear, for all of this must happen before the end will come. There will be tribal wars, and nations will make war against other nations. Food will be scarce, and the earth will shake in many places—but this is only the beginning of the time of sorrow, like a woman feeling the pains of birth.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Perez

*CLOSING HYMN

Many and Great, O God

UMH #148

**1. Many and great, O God, are thy things,
Maker of earth and sky.**

**Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.**

**2. Grant unto us communion with thee,
thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with thee.**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

(Send Blessings Upon Us, Justin Matthew Phillips, Cherokee/Ponca)

Dear God, look out for us today as we travel into the unknown. Stand by us and point us in the right direction as we look for answers. Bless our minds so that our thoughts can render good actions to give to the world. We trust your judgment just like you trust ours...thank you.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Prayer for Peace*

words based on a Navaho Indian Prayer

POSTLUDE

Huron Flute Circle

OUR GUEST MUSICIANS

Native American Flute and Drum Circle

The Musicians are:

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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)