



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

June 30, 2024

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost - Pride 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.

W&S=Worship & Song Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal,

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE

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: When Jesus woke up to thunder and tossing waves,

ALL: he demanded them stop for the sake of his friends.

ONE: May we too, in our waking up to the realities of systems of harm,

ALL: take action to protect each other.

ONE: Strong and Compassionate Wisdom—steady our voices.

ALL: Bolster our courage.

ONE: May we be to each other shelter, protection, peace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come and Find a Quiet Center

TFWS #2128

- 1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**
- 2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

- 3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision arr. Richard Sheppard

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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*)

God of Creativity and Community—we dedicate our offerings towards discerning what is ours to do. We dedicate our offerings to spiritual practices that nourish us towards collective liberation and expand our capacity for action. We dedicate our offerings to each other’s protection and peace. May it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

***SCRIPTURE**

Mark 4: 35-41

With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other shore.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them.

Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, doesn’t it matter to you that we’re going to drown?”

Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be calm!” And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. Jesus then said to the disciples, “Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?”

But they became filled with fear and said to one another, “Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Perez

***CLOSING HYMN**

Stand By Me

SOZ 41 v. 1, 3, 4

**1. When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me; When the storms of life
are raging, Stand by me. When the
world is tossing me, Like a ship upon
the sea; Thou who rulest wind and
water. Stand by me.**

**about me, Stand by me.
4. In the midst of persecution, Stand by
me; In the midst of persecution, Stand
by me. When my foes in battle array
Undertake to stop my way, Thou who
saved Paul and Silas, Stand by me.**

**3. In the midst of faults and failures,
Stand by me; In the midst of faults
and failures, Stand by me. When I do
the best I can, And my friends
misunderstand. Thou who knowest all**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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Let us go forth awakening Divine Wisdom within our hearts and our communities,
that in this storming world, we might be each other's shelter.

Go with God who goes with us.

POSTLUDE

Empty Chairs at Empty Tables, from *Les Misérables*

Brandon Reeves and Arthur Park

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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)