



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

June 25, 2023

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; W&S = Worship & Song

PRELUDE AND INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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ONE: Empowering God, when the road ahead looms endless,

ALL: **empower us to be companions for one another along the road.**

Inspiring God, when the road forward is blocked,

ALL: **inspire in us creative responses that move us beyond the barriers.**

Enabling God, when the road before us divides,

ALL: **enable us to feel your presence luring us on.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We pray:

As we listen to the life of our city, O Holy Spirit we invite your Sacred Presence here and now in this place.

We invite you into the daily rhythms of our life,
into our working and walking and talking,
into our hopes and longings.

Bless this time of worship as we gather together

ALL: **May it be so. Amen!**

***OPENING HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH #147

(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small, all things
wise and wonderful: the Lord God made
them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the
pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in
the garden: God made them everyone.
(Refrain)

1. Each little flower that opens, each
little bird that sings, God made their
glowing colors, and made them their
tiny wings. *(Refrain)*

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips
that we might tell how great is God
Almighty, who has made all things
well. *(Refrain)*

2. The purple headed mountains, the
river running by, the sunset and the
morning that brightens up the sky.
(Refrain)

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; MUSIC: 17TH cent. English melody;
arr. by Martin Shaw, 1915; CCLI 2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts (Shaker Song) arranged by Aaron Copland

Anne Hillman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love – Hal Hopson

Anne Hillman

***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

We give thanks for our life and the courage we are given to live it. Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind. AMEN!

Adapted from Macnab, F. *A Fine Wind is Blowing: Psalms of the Bible in Words that Blow you away.* Richmond. Spectrum Publications, 2006.

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10: 24-39 Inclusive Bible

“A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader. “If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household!

Don’t let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops.

“Don’t fear those who deprive the body of life but can’t destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna.

“Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So don’t be afraid of anything—you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven.

“Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. I have come to turn

‘A son against his father,
A daughter against her mother;
In-law against in-law.
One’s enemies will be

The members of one’s own household.’

“Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me not worthy of me. Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death—following in my footsteps—are not worthy of me.

“You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your live for my sake will find it.

MESSAGE

Rev. Latha Ravi

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Summons

TFWS #2130

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss
the leper clean, and do such as this
unseen, and admit to what I mean in
you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

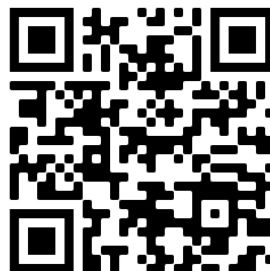
Rev. Latha Ravi

The peace of this ancient earth to you...of the high blue heavens which embrace it, and the winds which blow freely over it. The peace of splintered light sparkling on oak leaves, and gentle rain falling on scorched earth. The peace of star-jeweled skies and full-orbed moons, of breathless dawns and splendid dying suns. And the peace of the God of Love to you.

ALL: Amen. May it be so.

POSTLUDE

Bobbi Thompson



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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)