



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

June 19th, 2022

Father's Day/Juneteenth

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; WS=Worship & Song

PRELUDE

O Freedom

Bobbi Thompson
Augustus Williamson

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: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

ONE: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

ONE: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

We are Marching

TFWS #2235-b

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oooo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oooo, we are marching in the light of God.

3. Si-ya- hamb' e-kukha –neyn'kwen-khos',
si-ya –hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos
Si-ya- hamb' e-kukha –neyn'kwen-khos',
si-ya –hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos.
Si-ya-hamba, Ooo, Si-ya-hamb'e e-ku-
kha-nyen' kwen-khos. (Zulu)

2. We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, Oooo, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, Oooo, we are singing in the light of God.

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Marcus Dickson, Mollika Biernat

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deaconness Anne Hillman

A CHRISTIAN AFFIRMATION OF JUNETEENTH

Helen Monroe

ONE: As we commemorate freedom as African Americans, let us not forget the trials and tribulations faced by our ancestors forced into slavery for hundreds of years.

ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.

ONE: Let us continue to emphasize the importance of education and the advancement of the African American race.

ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.

ONE: God has granted us freedom, let us use it wisely, guard it carefully, and embrace it totally.

ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.

ONE: Allow this Juneteenth celebration to serve as a reminder of our tenacity, our ability to hold on to hope and to our God.

ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.

ONE: Let all people of all religions come together and acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to negatively influence American Society.

**ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.
We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.**

ONE: Allow other ethnic groups to be sensitized to the conditions our ancestors endured and help them to understand why racism and bigotry cannot have the last word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ.
We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.**

ONE: Let all African Americans continue to hope for a better tomorrow while remembering and rejoicing over our triumphant heritage.

ALL: We will not forget the “Middle Passage.” We will continue to tell our ancestral story of bondage that gave way to freedom, both physically and spiritually. We shall forever strive to advance the kindom of God through liberation and excellence. Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ. We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us.

(Written by Sharon Lavern Fuller)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Systems of Control are too big and greedy to care about the preciousness of each particular life. And so, we will care for each other all the more fiercely. Let us gather our offerings in reverence of the wonderful particularity of each living being and lift our hearts to the uniqueness of those who have gone before us.

OFFERTORY***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living Christ, free our spirits of any kernel of revenge and cruelty. Direct us, instead, toward collective repair and right action. When we feel ourselves slipping into apathy and despair, place your hands on either side of our face and gaze upon us with your Connecting Love. Bless our offerings to our hard-earned hope toward everyday resurrection. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**PASTORAL PRAYER*****CENTERING HYMN***Wade in the Water*

TFWS #2107

Refrain: Wade in the Water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white, God's a-gonna trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-gonna trouble the water. *(Refrain)*
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's a-gonna trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-gonna trouble the water. *(Refrain)*

3. Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-gonna trouble the water. The holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-gonna trouble the water. *(Refrain)*
4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-gonna trouble the water. ust follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a-gonna trouble the water. *(Refrain)*

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GOSPEL LESSON*Luke 19:1-10*

from the Inclusive Bible

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short.

In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight.

When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest."

Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold."

Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SOLO*Make Them Hear You*

Augustus Williamson

MESSAGE*Juneteenth*

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

CLOSING HYMN*Guide My Feet*

TFWS #2208

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain!

4. I'm your child...

5. Search my heart...

2. Hold my hand...

6. Guide my feet...

3. Stand by me...

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

Through the witnessing of beauty, may we encounter wonder;
Through the tenderness of kind relationships, may we experience care.
In our anger over injustice, may we connect with courageous action.
In all the ordinary aches and joys of being alive, the presence of God is with us. Amen.

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