



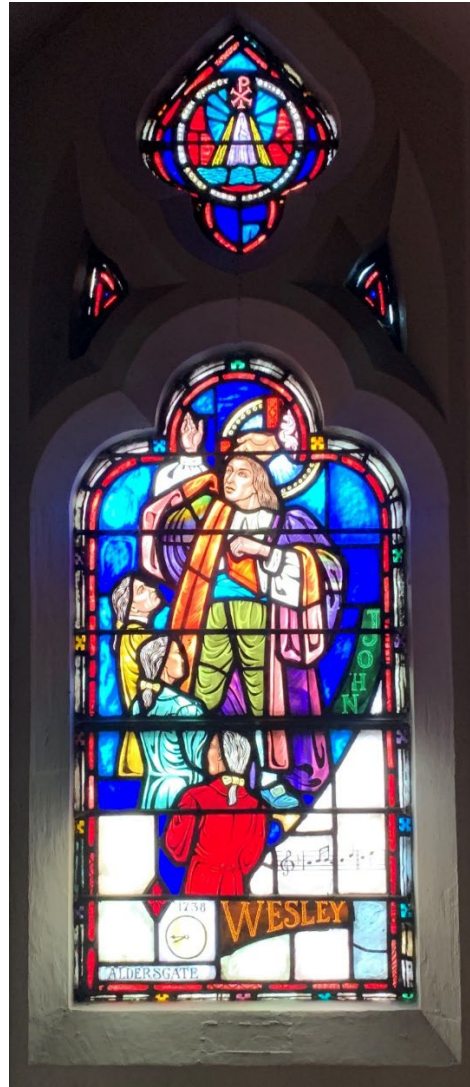
Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

May 22, 2022

John Wesley Window/Aldersgate 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: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; SOZ = Songs of Zion

PRELUDE

Bobbi Thompson

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP/WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER**

ONE: I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

ALL: Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

ONE: Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

ALL: exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

ONE: Let me be full, let me be empty.

ALL: Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

ONE: I freely and heartily yield all things

ALL: to thy pleasure and disposal.

ONE: And now, O glorious and blessed God,

ALL: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

ONE: thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

**ALL: And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

John Wesley adapted this prayer from the Puritan tradition that was so important to his parents, Samuel and Suzannah. It informed his theology and preaching. He expected the people called "Methodists" to pray this prayer at the beginning of each new year as a way of remembering and renewing their baptismal covenant.

***OPENING HYMN**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tune UMH #57 & Words UMH #58

1. Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
2. On this glad day the glorious Sun of Righteousness arose; on my benighted soul he shone and filled it with repose.
3. Sudden expired the legal strife, 'Twas then I ceased to grieve; my second, real, living life I then began to live.
4. Then with my heart I first believed, believed with faith divine, pow'r with the Holy Ghost received to call the Savior mine.
7. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise! The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

This hymn was written by Charles Wesley, John's brother, on the first anniversary of his own conversion on May 21, 1738, three days before that of his brother. See a more complete text on p. 58 of the hymnal.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739. MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr, by Lowell Mason, 1839. CCLI2815228

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO TAKE A “FIELD TRIP,” TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST, AND TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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

Almighty God, in a time of great need you raised up your servants John and Charles Wesley, and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love which leaped and ran, an inextinguishable blaze. Grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires, being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted to the increase of scriptural holiness throughout the land that in this our time of great need, your will may fully and effectively be done on earth as it is in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Psalm 130

King James Version

ONE: Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice:

ALL: Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

ONE: If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

ALL: But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

ONE: I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

**ALL: My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say,
more than they that watch for the morning.**

ONE: Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

ALL: And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

On the afternoon of May 24, 1738, John Wesley went to St. Paul's Cathedral, and there he heard the choir sing an anthem, and it was Dei Profundus, Psalm 130, "Out of the Depths." Later that evening, his "heart was strangely warmed."

They went to Phrygia, and then on through the region of Galatia. Their plan was to turn west into Asia province, but the Holy Spirit blocked that route. So they went to Mysia and tried to go north to Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn't let them go there either. Proceeding on through Mysia, they went down to the seaport Troas.

That night Paul had a dream: A Macedonian stood on the far shore and called across the sea, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" The dream gave Paul his map. We went to work at once getting things ready to cross over to Macedonia. All the pieces had come together. We knew now for sure that God had called us to preach the good news to the Europeans.

Putting out from the harbor at Troas, we made a straight run for Samothrace. The next day we tied up at New City and walked from there to Philippi, the main city in that part of Macedonia and, even more importantly, a Roman colony. We lingered there several days.

On the Sabbath, we left the city and went down along the river where we had heard there was to be a prayer meeting. We took our place with the women who had gathered there and talked with them. One woman, Lydia, was from Thyatira and a dealer in expensive textiles, known to be a God-fearing woman. As she listened with intensity to what was being said, the Master gave her a trusting heart—and she believed!

After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, "If you're confident that I'm in this with you and believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests." We hesitated, but she wouldn't take no for an answer.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN**

We Sing of Loyal Lydia

Tune of UMH #606

1. We sing of loyal Lydia who dealt in purple dye, a woman Paul and Silas found at prayer in Philippi. Her heart was warmed when she heard Paul relate God's love for all. She and her household were baptized. They answered God's clear call.

2. This widow tested culture's rules by opening her home to Paul and those who came to hear how they such faith could own. When Paul and Silas were in jail, she suffered deep despair. Yet when the jailer was transformed, she knew God answered prayer.

3. When her friends moved from Philippi, they left believers blessed. And Lydia helped the church to grow as they their faith confessed. May we today our witness share that other hearts be stirred. Let us take courage as we dare to daily live God's Word.

WORDS: Edith Sinclair Downing. © 2007 Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc.; MUSIC: English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906. CCLI2815228

He carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The John Wesley Window

Anika-Kafi Summers

***CLOSING HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Anika-Kafi Summers

SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rule of Life

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

WORDS: 18th century aphorism, attributed to John Wesley. MUSIC: Edward Bonnemere. © Amity Music. CCLI2815228

While it does not appear that John Wesley ever spoke these exact words, this aphorism does reflect sentiments found in Wesley's General Rule of the United Societies, a document for early Methodists.

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THE JOHN WESLEY WINDOW

This window portrays John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and the beginning of his great revival when he suddenly felt his heart stirred at Aldersgate Street in London on May 24, 1738, when he was attending a meeting of his newly formed society. "About quarter to nine," while Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans was being read out loud, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation..." A bar of music from one of his brother's many hymns is indicated at the bottom of the window. The seal in the tracery opening above represents the Sermon on the Mount, or Christ Preaching.

From "The Stained Glass Windows of Central Methodist Church: A Description," written by Muriel C. Willet, Treasurer of the Willet Stained Glass Company, and published upon the dedication of our windows in 1955.

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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 Waawiyataanong ("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)