



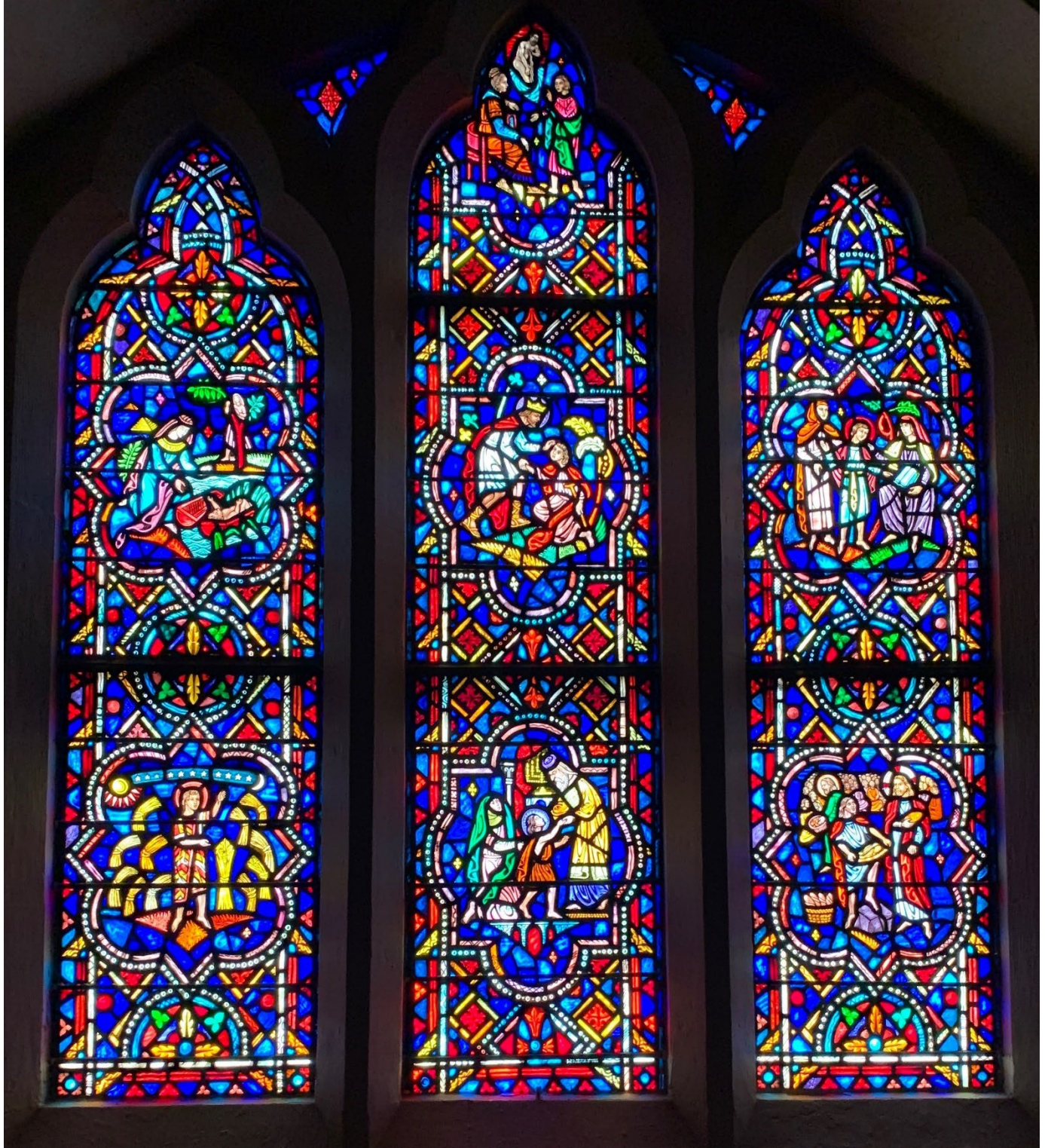
Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

May 8, 2022

Mother's Day/The Children's Window



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

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Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said,

ALL: "Come!"

ONE: To all mothers and all children: he said,

ALL "Come!"

ONE: To the motherless and the childless: he said,

ALL: "Come!"

ONE: To all who long to be mothered: he said,

ALL: "Come!"

ONE: "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

ALL: We come to worship, as we were called.

***OPENING HYMN**

I was there to hear your borning cry

TFWS #2051

- 1, 7. “I was there to hear your borning cry,
I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced
the day you were baptized, to see your
life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
light you wandered off to find where
demons dwell.”
3. “When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on; you were
raised to praise the living Lord, to whom
you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be
there to make your verses rhyme from
dusk ‘till rising sun.”
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too
old, no longer young, I’ll be there to
guide you through the night, complete
what I’ve begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in, and
you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as
I have always been with just one more
surprise.”

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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

God, we know that you would shelter us like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Accept these gifts, and empower us to use them to shelter others, and to help bring about your reign of justice and love here on earth. Amen.

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 1: 8-10, 22; 2: 1-10*

Then a new king... came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country..." Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her enslaved female to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then the baby's sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Long Ago, When Pharaoh's Daughter

Tune of UMH #400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Long ago, when Pharaoh's daughter walked along the riverside,
in a basket in the water was a baby, snug and dry.
Tiny baby! Did his mother give him up so he might live?
Love that gives to save another is a mighty love to give.
2. Christ, you offered us a blessing — what our life in you can be:
"When a child is given welcome, then you also welcome me."
In a world where children suffer and where all need love and care,
Love that leads us to each other is an answer to our prayer.
3. God, you call us your own children; we're adopted! We're reborn!
We rejoice that through adoption, human bonds are also formed.
Bless the ones who welcome children; bless the ones who let them go.
May each child be loved and welcomed; may each church help families grow.

EPISTLE READING

2nd Timothy 1: 1-5

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Creator and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

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MESSAGE

The Children's Window

Heather Dickson

*CLOSING HYMN

A Grandmother, Lois

Tune of "Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise" (UMH #103)

1. A grandmother, Lois, had faith in you, Lord,
then Eunice, her daughter, believed in your Word.
Then her son, named Timothy, grew up to be
a young man who cherished the faith he'd received.
2. While some with great drama discover your truth,
for many, we learned it as children and youth.
We learned it from grandparents, parents and more
— from mentors and teachers who trusted you, Lord.
3. May each generation share these things anew:
the gift of salvation that we have in you,
your call to seek justice and care for the poor.
May we teach our children the things that endure.
4. We thank you, Christ Jesus, for nurturing ones
who pass on the faith to these daughters and sons
— so youth see your church as a place they belong
and find here a faith that is loving and strong.

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SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

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Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God; a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known.

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THE CHILDREN'S WINDOW

The 3-lancet window below the gallery and below the Nativity window portrays in medallion form Biblical scenes in which children participated. In the left lancet at the top is Pharaoh's daughter discovering the infant Moses hidden in the bulrushes while his sister Miriam watches from afar (*Exodus 2: 1-10*). Below is Joseph in his coat of many colors dreaming of the sheaves of wheat that bowed down to him (*Genesis 37, 39-45*).

In the center lancet, the scene at the top of the lancet head is Naaman's little serving maid, by whose faith he was cured of leprosy (*2 Kings 5:1-14*). Next below is the lame Mephibosheth cherished by King David (*2 Samuel 4:4, 19:24-30*). At the bottom Hannah is presenting her son Samuel to serve the High Priest in the Temple, dedicating him to the work of the Lord (*1 Samuel 1-2*).

The right lancet contains two scenes from the New Testament, at the top young Timothy being instructed by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois (*2 Timothy 1:5-7*). Below this is the feeding of the five thousand with the "five loaves and two fishes" brought by one little lad in the crowd (*John 6:5-13*).

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 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)