



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867

June 4, 2023

Music 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; WS=Worship & Song

### PRELUDE

*My Father's Hand*, Gospel Medley

Brandon Reeves, Piano

### INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

## ACTS OF PRAISE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 150* Inclusive Bible

Arthur Park

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful*

UMH #89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt day. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our God, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

# ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING

Maggie Reese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sylvia Oatley

HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

UMH #707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's spring and waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986; MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986; © 1986 Hope Publishing Co.; CCLI 2815228

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

POEM

*Music to Me*

Laura Burger

ANTHEM

*How Can I Keep from Singing?* Arr. by Andy Beck

Jim West, Bass

CENTERING HYMN

*This is God's Wondrous World*

UMH #144

1. This is my God's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my God's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and sears; his hand the wonders wrought.

3. This is my God's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my God's world: why should my heart be sad? God is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; CCLI 2815228

2. This is my God's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my God's world: God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear God pass; God speaks to me everywhere.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Marvelous* by W. Hawkins

Bobbi Thompson  
Augustus Williamson

### \*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.**

### PRAYER FOR MUSIC

Roderick Reese

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     *Psalm 33: 1-15* The Inclusive Bible     Jeff Ellison

Sing out your joy to YHWH, you who love justice—praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Praise YHWH with the harp and play music with a ten-stringed lyre!

Sing God a new song, play with all your skill, and with shouts of joy!

For the word of YHWH is true and everything God does can be trusted.

YHWH loves justice and right and fills the earth with love.

By your word, YHWH, the heavens were made, by the breath of your mouth all stars.

You gather the seas together and control them, putting the Deep into its vault.

Let all the earth revere YHWH; let all who live in the world tremble before you!

You spoke, and every thing came to be; commanded, and it all sprang into being.

You frustrate the designs of the nations, defeat the plans for the peoples.

But your own plan will stand firm forever, the designs of your heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is YHWH!

Happy the people you choose as your own inheritance!

From the heavens you look forth, YHWH, and see all of humankind. From your dwelling place you watch over all the peoples of the earth.

You shape the hearts of them all and consider all their deeds.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     *Psalm 137: 1-4*     The Inclusive Bible     Jeff Ellison

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept, remembering Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors taunted us to sing our songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy: “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

But how could we sing a song of YHWH in a foreign land?

**MESSAGE**     *Music of the Spheres: Inspiring, Connecting, Transforming*     Dr. Jim Bull

**\*CLOSING HYM**     *Spirit Song*     UMH #347

**1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove and descent upon your life and make you whole** *(Refrain)*

**2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name.** *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain)* **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

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## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**     Dr. Jim Bull

Let us go forth drinking in the songs of birds and the concert of all of God’s creation, and responding by singing the Creator’s song in a foreign land: singing, dancing and acting to transform this foreign land into the land of God’s shalom, the kin-dom of God, the realm of Peace and Justice. Amen

**POSTLUDE**     *Tannhauser: Pilgrims’ Chorus* by Richard Wagner  
Brandon Reeves, Piano



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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.

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