



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries 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.
W&S=Worship & Song Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal,
TFWS = The Faith We Sing

INTROIT

The introit are times for silent prayer and meditation guided by some of our gifted musicians.

ACTS OF PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Rev. Jeff Ramsland*)

ONE: Come let us worship the Creator with hearts open to all peoples, where pride and prejudice once dwelt;

ALL: Let us worship the Creator with minds open to the wisdom of Native peoples, where listening and respect once had no place.

ONE: Let us honor the One who freely gives by showing honor to those who were once and still remain oppressed.

ALL: Let us worship the God of diversity, who made the world in colors, in seasons, in endless variety; Who created the diversity of the earth's peoples in God's image.

ONE: We were created to honor one another and in so doing we honor the Creator.

ALL: Let us honor God today by reflecting in our worship God's image -- love.

*The Rev. Jeff Ramsland serves as pastor of the Cherokee United Methodist Church in Cherokee, NC. He also serves on the Board of SEJANAM (Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency on Native American Ministries) and CONAM (Committee on Native American Ministries) for the Western North Carolina Conference.

***OPENING HYMN**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

TFWS #2050

**1. Mothering God, you gave me birth in
the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you
are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in
arms of patience hold me close, so
that in faith I root and grow until I
flow'r, until I know.**

**2. Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light, grain
of life and grape of love, your very
body for my peace.**

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS



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also a place for notes and prayer requests for the pastor.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Simple Praise

music by Craig Courtney
words by Pamela Martin

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***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

ANTHEM

Distant Land, A Prayer for Freedom by John Rutter

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE

Job 12:7-10

But turn to the animals,
and let them teach you;
the birds of the air will tell you the truth.
Listen to the plants of the earth,
and learn from them;
let the fish of the sea become your teachers.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of God has done this?
In God's hand is the soul of every living thing;
in God's hand is the breath of all humankind.
ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Conversation with Rosebud Schnieder, *Keep Growing Detroit*

*CLOSING HYMN

Many and Great, O God

UMH #148

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| <p>1. Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.</p> | <p>2. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one; come unto us and dwell with us; with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.</p> |
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BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH (Justin Matthew Phillips, *Cherokee/Ponca*)

Look out for us today as we travel into the unknown.
Stand by us and point us in the right direction as we look for answers.
Bless our minds so that our thoughts can render good actions to give to the world.
We trust your judgment just like you trust ours. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Prayer for Peace

based on the Navaho Indian Prayer, Adapt. by David Haas

POSTLUDE

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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)