



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

November 10, 2019

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we light a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey, giving us fresh perspectives that can shift any "dis-ease" that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

PRELUDE

Thanks Be to God by GF Handel

GATHERING: COMPASSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ILLUMINATING THE SHADOWS

ACTS OF PRAISE

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

1. Be thou my vision, O God of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art. Thou my best thought, by day or
by night, waking or sleeping, thy
presence my light.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963, Alt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; harm. © 1964 Abingdon Press, CCLI 2815228

LITANY

ONE: We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,

ALL: there is understanding;

ONE: where there is understanding,

ALL: there is compassion;

ONE: where there is compassion,

ALL: there is possibility;

ONE: where there is possibility,

ALL: there is transformation

ONE: Holy and Living God, transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder,

**ALL: Open us to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us for a
“wonder-full” life.**

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing adapted from UMH #400

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call
for songs of loudest praise. Teach me
some melodious sonnet, sung by
flaming tongues above. Praise the
mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy
redeeming love.

2. Here I pause in my sojourning, giving
thanks for having come, come to trust,
at every turning, God will guide me
safely home. Jesus sought me when a

stranger, wandering from the fold of
God. Came to rescue me from danger,
blessed body, precious life.

3. O to grace how great a debtor, daily I
am drawn anew! Let that grace now,
like a fetter, bind my wandering heart
to you. Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of
Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813CCLI 2815228

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ACTS OF SHARING

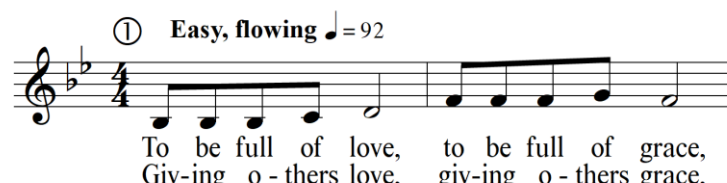
CHILDRENS TIME

Deaconess Anne Hillman

A Wonder Full Life

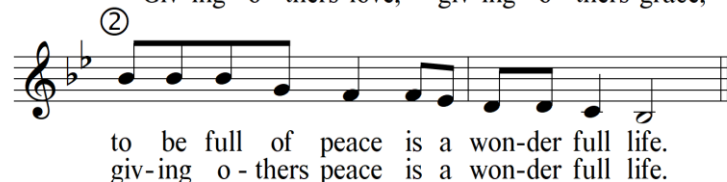
Two-part round

① Easy, flowing ♩ = 92



To be full of love, to be full of grace,
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,

②



to be full of peace is a won-der full life.
giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.

Music & Lyrics: Marcia McFee
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arr. Jason Shelton

PROCLAIMING CURIOSITY

We become curious – full of “wonder-ing” – further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-24

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is Saying to the Church

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG

Bobbi Thompson

SERMON

Looking In

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.

The Wonder of It All: Prayers

Thank You, God

Adapted from UMH #84

Thank You, God

Thank You, God

Thank You, God,

I just want to thank you, God

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OFFERING WITNESS

Jay Biernat

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid by Craig Courtney

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Be Thou My Vision*)

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

**Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art**

*OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT

Having walked with God in “looking” into our heart’s relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity, and creativity.

***SENDING HYMN**

What Gift Can We Bring?

UMH #87

1. What gift can we bring, what present,
what token? What words can convey
it, the joy of this day? When grateful
we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and
praise?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who
had vision who planted and watered so
dreams could come true. Give thanks
for the now, for study, for worship, for
mission that bids us turn prayer into
deed.
3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of
surprises, for knowing whatever
tomorrow may bring, the Word is our
promise always, forever, we rest in
God’s keeping and live in God’s love.
4. This gift we now bring, this present,
this token, these words can convey it,
the joy of this day! When grateful we
come, remembering, rejoicing, this
song we now offer in honor and praise!

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary by Henry Purcell

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