



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

May 30, 2021

Asian American/Pacific Islander Day

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

Home Away from Home

Joori Jung

<https://www.horangis.com/home-away-from-home>

INTROIT

With All Your Heart, from Isaiah

Arthur Park

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to worship together.

ALL: Different people, different lives, different histories

ONE: Yet all children of the same Parent,

ALL: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

ONE: We gather to reconnect with one another,

ALL: Different people, different lives, different histories,

ONE: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

ALL: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

ONE: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears...

ALL: Different people, different lives, different histories.

ONE: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

ALL: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

***OPENING HYMN**

This Is My Song

UMH #437

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my
heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine, but other hearts in other
lands are beating with hopes and dreams
as true as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the
ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf
and pine; but other lands have sunlight
too, and clover, and skies are everywhere
as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou
God of all the nations, a song of peace for
their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's
kingdoms. Thy kingdom come; on earth
thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up
till all shall serve him, and hearts united
learn to live as one. O hear my prayer,
thou God of all the nations, myself I give
thee; let thy will be done.

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman
Mollika Biernat

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Bridget Cabrera

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, To a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

InuYahsa – To Love's End

Jae Meng

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kb_mfQZNIyE

***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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

We are Called

TFWS #2172

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!
(Refrain)

(Refrain) We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! *(Refrain)*

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!
(Refrain)

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:33-34,

The Inclusive Bible

Hannah Kang

Do not treat the foreigners who reside in your land. The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own. Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner in the land of Egypt. I am YHWH.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Corinthians 13 in Korean, Tagalog and English

Hannah Kang, Josephina Ford and Mary Park

Even if I speak in all the tongues of earth – and those of the angels too – but do not have love, I am just a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own to feed those poorer than I, then hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, and it is not snobbish. It is never rude or self-seeking; it is not prone to anger, nor does it brood over injuries. Love doesn't rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails. Prophecies will cease; tongues will be silent; knowledge will pass away. Our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect. When the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass way. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. But when I became an adult, I put childish ways aside. Now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we will see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I will know even as I am known.

There are, in the end, three things that last: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE

Mollika Biernat and Arthur Park

VIDEO

Arirang

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=O20iILFth9g>

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Arthur Park



You have seen Central's Symbol every Sunday; most often it is in its black and white less complete version. It was designed 50 years ago not long after the Cross and Flame symbol was developed by the United Methodist Church; changing only slightly from the original hand drawn version to the version you see here today.

It is not difficult to understand the meaning of most of the symbol: The **Heart** representing the love we try to send into the world, the **Dove** representing both Peace and Justice, the **church spire** between larger buildings representing Central's role and work in the city. Less understood are the color blue or more specifically **United Nations Blue** representing our international efforts and concerns, the **4 tail feathers** representing the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, and the circle. Of course the **Circle** represents Central's united and continuing efforts to continue our work in the afore mentioned areas, but it also has a broader and perhaps deeper meaning. It not only represents us Centralites, it represents the continuum of humanity - all those we try to include in our welcoming statement. The **continuum of humanity** is not a line that extends into infinity; it is a circle uniting us all within and equally embraced by the love of God. Let it be so.

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