



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

June 23, 2019

Second 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

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Break down the barriers that divide us, O God.

ALL: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

ONE: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

ALL: Breathe new life into Your people.

ONE: For we are called to newness in Christ.

ALL: We are all siblings through God's love.

ONE: Come, let us worship God who removes obstacles from our paths.

ALL: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

UMH #605

**1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow. Number
them among your people; bless as Christ
blessed long ago. Weave them garments
bright and sparkling; compass them with
love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your
Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be
glory, honor! With our lives we worship,
praise! We your people stand before you,
water washed and Spirit born. By your
grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God,
transform!**

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1987, MUSIC: Attr. To B.F. White, 1844;
harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978. CCLI2815228.

**2. We who bring them long for nurture; by
your milk may we be fed. Let us join your
feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free
from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

HONORING OF KAITLYN SZCZYPKA

TIME FOR CHILDREN

BAPTISM OF NYLA MAHYEDEH MARQUEZ

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

ONE: Dear Community of Faith called Central, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of love and grace and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Parents and sponsors, on behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: I do.

ONE: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, races, sexual orientations and gender identities?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: I do.

ONE: Will you nurture Nyla in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace, to profess her faith openly and to lead a Christian life?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: I do.

ONE: Congregation, do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm your commitment to live as members of the body of Christ?

ALL: We do.

ONE: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Nyla now before you in your care.

ALL: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Nyla with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in God's service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray. Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

ALL: Sing to our God, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

ONE: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of the womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

ALL: Declare Christ's works to the nations, God's glory among all people.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water, and Nyla, who is to receive it.

ALL: All praise to you, Eternal God, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives with us and through us forever.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

ONE: Nyla, we baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer. Nyla, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT OF RENEWAL

ALL: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ, and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

ONE: Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BAPTIZED

ONE: Members of the household of God, I commend Nyla to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope and perfect her in love. May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may fulfill your sacred responsibility and live in grace and peace.

ALL: Through Baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome and acknowledge you as a member of the body of Christ.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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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**

CENTERING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

UMH #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926. CCLI2815228.

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Galatians 3:23-29* (The Message)

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for. But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ's life, the fulfillment of God's original promise. In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ's family, then you are Abraham's famous "descendant," heirs according to the covenant promises.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Waters of Elegant Destruction

Rebecca Wilson

*CLOSING HYMN

Study War No More

SOZ #138

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside, Down by the
riverside, Down by the riverside; Gonna
lay down my sword and shield, Down by
the riverside, Gonna study war no more. I
ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't
gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more. Ain't gonna study
war no more, Ain't gonna' study war no
more.

2. Gonna lay down my burden, Down by
the riverside,...

3. Gonna try on my starry crown, Down
by the riverside,...

4. Gonna meet my loving Jesus, Down by
the riverside,...

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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