



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration 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

PRELUDE

Daniel Dillingham

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

All: a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world

One: that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross, where old life ends and new life is born

All: In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heaven's glory.

One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

~ written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN.

***OPENING HYMN**

Woke Up This Morning, v.1 & 2

TFWS #2082

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) *Refrain*

2. Oh, you can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, (Stayed on Jesus,) *Refrain*

(Refrain)

Hallelu, (Hallelu)
Hallelu, (Hallelu)
Hallelu – jah.

(Refrain)

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

A PRAYER

Breaking the Mold by Safiyah Fosua

Jesus,
Jesus, clothes dazzling with such intensity that the gospel writer groped for words:
Such as no one could bleach them...
Jesus, keeping good company,
On the mountain, with the recognizable Moses the Lawgiver,
And Elijah, the greatest prophet in their memory.
And all Peter could think to do was to build three dwellings!

Really, Peter?

Build more churches?

Perhaps it is time to rethink our responses to God.
There are times when the best response is not a bigger building, a revival, or a fundraiser.

God prompted Peter: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” (Mark 9:7)
No instructions for a monument, a memorial, or a building fund.

Just an admonishment to listen.
Lord, may we have ears to truly *listen* on this Transfiguration Sunday.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Brandon Spencer

***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

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9 The Inclusive Bible

Six days after that, Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes, the clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white – whiter than any earthly bleach could make them.

Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three shelters – one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!” Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and there came a voice from out of the cloud: “This is my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One.” Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore – only Jesus.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Promised One had risen from the dead.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CENTERING HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

TFWS #2103

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to
this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for
some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our
faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a
sign both clear and plain.

3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain
and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to
proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people
of the God we bless.

2. Light breaks through our clouds and
shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined
Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly
voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how
the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in
brightness, stands transfigured and
complete.

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MESSAGE

Ministry, Not Monuments

Deaconess Anne Hillman, Ph.D.

VIDEO

Let God be God – Phillips Craig and Dean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Zboj9p6Kw>

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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