



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

June 9, 2019

Pentecost 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

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God by Dietrich Buxlelude

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Spirit of the Living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race, sexuality, gender, and nation,

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? (Refrain)

(Refrain) God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

4. Through the years of human struggle, walk a people long despised, LGBTQ together fighting to be realized. (Refrain)

5. We are Black and we are Asian, Indian, Hispanic, White, we a rainbow coalition, all of value in thy sight. (Refrain)

6. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (Refrain)

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING / WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

God of Pentecost, we come to you as people who want to discern your presence among us, who long to know your words and your visions for our world. Yet we confess that we hear the voices of some – the marginalized, the forgotten, the outcasts – and we turn our ears away, devaluing the Voice of Your Spirit as it is found among them. Rather than adding our voices in the chorus of your Word for today's world, we often remain silent, forgetting that we too are a sacred part of your vision, small and incomplete on our own, and yet truly empowered by your Holy Spirit. Give us grace, we pray. Sweep us into your vision. Help us add our voices to the multitude of those you have formed as witnesses. We pray in the Spirit, Amen. (Written by Renee Roederer)

REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Alex Oatley

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rebecca Wilson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come, Holy Ghost by Eric Thiman

Chancel Choir

***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**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Ezekiel 37:1-16* The Inclusive Bible

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley – a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.” And God said, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH! Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***CENTERING HYMN**

Spirit of God

TFWS #2117

1. Spirit of God, bright Wing, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do; create us anew. Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

(Refrain) **Al-le-lu-ia, Come, Spirit, Come!
Al-le-lu-ia, Come, Spirit, Come!**

2. Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things. For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands, you hold all the human race in one warm embrace. No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

5. Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, borne on your wings. (Refrain)

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ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Brandon Gleaton & Marcus Dickson

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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Bobbi Thompson

MESSAGE

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: God of New Beginnings, because you come among us to make us whole, we approach your table with delight and trepidation; glad to be comforted, ready to be challenged; knowing your personal touch and your generous love for all. We come with those who have nothing and need more, with those who have all they require and look for nothing, with those trapped and suffering in the gap dividing rich and poor. May what we receive be shared with all, food for bodies and nourishment for souls. May your sharing and our sharing show what is good for your world—a way of being for the nations and leaders, communities and individuals.

ALL: At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none. At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed.

ONE: We come to your table as individuals who know what it is to be vulnerable, with worries that grow big in the night time, and fears that diminish our confidence but we are welcomed by you with all who are vulnerable and scorned, whose value is dismissed, who are made to feel less than they are. May the gifts we recognize in each other draw us closer into community. May we be changed by our neighbor and see you active in all we meet. Creative God, revealed to us in many ways, we celebrate your transforming love shared for all as Jesus, on the night before he died, shared bread and wine with those who understood him and those who didn't, with those who would deny and betray him, with the deserving and the undeserving. He took bread. He blessed it, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup. He blessed it and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant." Spirit of the living God, move among us all, for you transform us into the people you invite us to be, for you transform the world into the place you dream it to be. Make us one in love, humble, caring, selfless sharing.

ALL: Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care, Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love! Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

UMH #404

(Refrain) Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes,
every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray.

**2. Jordan river runs right cold, chills the
body, not the soul. Ain't but one train on
this track, runs to heaven and right back.**
(Refrain)

**1. Upon the mountain, my God spoke, out
God's mouth came fire and smoke. All
around me, looks so shine, ask my God if
all was mine. *(Refrain)***

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Go, Ye Now in Peace* by Joyce Eilers

POSTLUDE *Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire* by Paul Manz

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