



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Black History Month/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

Hymnal Guide: UMH - "The United Methodist Hymnal"; TFWS - "The Faith We Sing";

SOZ - "Songs of Zion". The prelude is a time for prayer and meditation.

Please turn off all pagers and cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Selected Spirituals

INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: My God, what a morning! You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people.

ALL: And we are strong, proud and yours.

ONE: My God, what a morning! You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

ALL: And we are strong, proud, brave and yours. My God, this morning we have come to celebrate you, to affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say, "Yes, God, we are strong, proud, brave and yours in every way." We count it all joy!

- 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.
- 2. Light breaks through our clouds and**
shadows, splendor bathes and 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.
- 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.

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ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

PRAYER

God of creation, we bow before you full of wonder, praise and adoration. Today, we pause to remember ancestors who fought and died to change the world for us and for our children. In those days of trampled darkness, you were with us. You ushered in the marvelous light...just before faith died and became a note in the sidebar of our memory journals.

We ask you to wash our tongues when we forget where we came from and are tempted to join the bandwagon of immigrant-bashing. Forgive us when we look down on one another or forget to hold each other's hands.

We give you thanks for the teachers and leaders, friends and family ...even the enemies who have helped shape us. We thank you for the trials and tribulations that encourage us to be humble and flexible. We thank you alone for transformation. On this day, we recommit ourselves to the struggle for justice and equality...not just for the people we know, but for all who suffer oppression. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Listen to the Lambs by R. Nathaniel Det

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

*CENTERING HYMN

Holy Ground

TFWS #2272

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground. (Repeat)

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*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Dee Davis

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "It's good that we are here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, w look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them, "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Bobbi Thompson

MESSAGE

Can You See the Glory?

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

THE WORD IN DANCE

Glory

Jada Martin

***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 Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my
Lord if all was mine. *(Refrain)*

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BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

Lead me, guide me along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee,
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

POSTLUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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