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The word cloud features the following prominent terms:

- LABOR** (largest)
- DAY**
- HOLIDAY**
- FIRST**
- PULLMAN**
- WORKERS**
- STRIKE**
- RAILROAD**
- FEDERATION**
- POLITICAL**
- TOWN**
- ADOPTED**
- SUNDAY**
- CELEBRATED**
- PROPOSED**
- SECRETARY**
- TRAINING**
- CITY**
- CONGRESS**
- AMERICAN**
- SEPTEMBER**
- UNION**
- STRENGTH**
- DEBS**
- PASSED**
- INDUSTRIAL**
- FAMILIES**
- REMAINED**
- EXHIBIT**
- PASTOR**
- GATHERING**
- PEOPLE**
- MAY**
- NATION**
- LEGISLATION**
- STATES**
- CENTRAL**
- STILL**
- SLEEPING**
- MAYOR**
- STATE**
- WOMEN**
- OFTEN**
- NATIONAL**
- MOVEMENT**
- INTRODUCED**
- SUMMER**
- EMPLOYEES**
- MONDAY**
- YEARS**
- ECONOMIC**
- YEAR**
- PRESIDENT**
- CLEVELAND**
- EMPHASIS**
- PAPERMAN**

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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.

Hymnal Guide: UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; SOZ = Songs of Zion

Video

Bobbi Thompson

ACTS OF PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

ALL: And so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

ONE: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

ALL: We gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

ONE: God has called us together. God has called us to be part of a community.

ALL: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

ONE: In this time together,

ALL: may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

ONE: allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

ALL: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Solidarity Forever

Video

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

A LITANY FOR LABOR DAY

ONE: O God, we give thanks this day for work; for work that sustains; for work that fulfills; for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with Your labor in creation.

ALL: As part of our thanks we also intercede for those who have no work, who have too much or too little work; who work at jobs which demean or destroy, work which profits the few at the expense of the many.

ONE: Make us instruments of Your peace, advocates of Your justice, channels of Your blessing in the midst of our daily labors.

ALL: God, hear our prayer.

ONE: To this end we renew our vows, begun in baptism, to extend your redemptive purpose in the many and varied places of our work. In factory or field, in sheltered office or under open sky, using technical knowledge or physical strength, working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.

ALL: Together we promise

ONE: To bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength and care to our work.

ALL: Together we promise

ONE: to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all who labor.

ALL: Together we refuse

ONE: To remain silent, even at the risk of our own security, when just relations are denied – when we ourselves, or our co-workers, are harassed or mistreated or discriminated against.

ALL: Together we refuse

ONE: To engage in work that harms another, that promotes injustice or violence, that damages the earth or otherwise betrays the common good; or to resign ourselves to economic arrangements which widen the gap between rich and poor.

ALL: Together we refuse

ONE: to allow our work to infringe on time with our families and friends, with our community of faith, with the rhythm of Sabbath rest.

ALL: Together we affirm

ONE: the rights of all to work that both fulfills and sustains; to just wages and to contentment.

ALL: Together we affirm

ONE: that the redeeming and transforming power of the Gospel, with all its demands for justice and its promises of mercy is as relevant to the workplace as to the sanctuaries of faith and family.

ALL: We make these promises, we speak these refusals, and we offer these affirmations as offerings to You, O God, in response to Your ever-present grace, as symbols of our ongoing repentance and transformation, and in hope that one day all the world shall eat and be satisfied. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Laura Burger

***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**

COMMUNITY SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

VIDEO

More Than a Paycheck

Sweet Honey in the Rock

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:17, 22-24

Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

Workers, work diligently in everything you do – not only to win favor but wholeheartedly and reverently, out of respect for Christ. Do whatever you do from the heart. You are working for Christ, not for people. You know you'll be rewarded by God with an inheritance. You serve our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

ALL: We praise you for all who labor for the common good and for those whose service is unappreciated. We thank you for children whose play is the work of learning to live in the world. We thank you for disciples who are obedient to the promptings of your Spirit in all their relationships. We thank you for your yearning mercy that waits for us to make all our hours and days participation in your healing and blessing of the earth and all peoples.

ONE: You made us in your image and set us in a lush garden as caretakers. When we chose to have it all to ourselves, you turned our freedom to the toil for survival. When we cried out in our misery, you delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God. By the prophets you called us to return to you and delight in good food without price. You confronted us with the waste of laboring apart from you and you asked us, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heave, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

ONE: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Anointed with your Spirit, his food was to do your will and to complete it. He took the common things of daily life, blessed them, and broke and shared them so that all were satisfied. He told those who followed him, "Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." He confronted the powers of greed and evil at the cost of his life, but you triumphed over death and placed him at your right hand to intercede for his disciples until the feast of eternal life. By water and the Spirit he calls us to continue his work until we and all peoples feast at his heavenly banquet.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to live daily as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and life of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet, Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The life of Christ poured out for you. **Amen.**

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Which Side Are You On?

Pete Seeger

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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