



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

June 16, 2019

## Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

### 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

*Cantabile on "St. Patrick's Breastplate" by Joseph Clokey*

### INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

## ACTS OF PRAISE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God has shown us what is good. What then is required of us?

**ALL: To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.**

ONE: Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me."

**ALL: The Spirit says, "Come."**

ONE: Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come," for all are welcome here.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

adapted from UMH #64

**1. Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise Your  
majesty. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and  
mighty! God in three persons, blessed  
Trinity!**

**3. Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but  
dimly, though the eyes of humankind  
Your glory may not see, You alone are  
holy, You alone are worthy, perfect in  
power, in love and purity.**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore You  
truly, casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea; cherubim and  
seraphim, bow before You only, from the  
beginning, God eternally.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! All  
Your works shall praise Your name in  
earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty! God in three  
persons, blessed Trinity!**

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# ACTS OF SHARING

## GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rebecca Wilson

## LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

ONE: Always-parenting God, we cry out to you with a prayerful heart on behalf of our fathers. Where our fathers have blessed us with their faithfulness, integrity, and love, deepen our gratitude.

**ALL: Let our prayers become a song that pleases your heart.**

ONE: Where our fathers have wounded, mistreated, or abandoned us, deepen our healing and forgiveness.

**ALL: Let our prayers become an experience of your embrace.**

ONE: Where children and fathers are alienated from one another, deepen either our reconciliation or our acceptance of necessary distance.

**ALL: Let our prayers become instruments of reconciliation, accountability and peace.**

ONE: Where good men have never been called to be fathers, or have never been given the opportunity to raise children, deepen the fatherly role they play in the lives of many.

**ALL: Let our prayers become an encouragement to all men and an illumination of the role they play in your story.**

ONE: Where fathers are grieving over the loss of their children and children over the loss of their fathers, deepen our awareness of your weeping and redeeming presence.

**ALL: Let our prayers become the channel through which you make your way into our deepest pain.**

ONE: Where fathers are committed to loving their children comprehensively and raising them in a spirit of vulnerability, devotion and gentleness, deepen the joy and purpose they find in fatherhood.

**ALL: Let our prayers become a gratitude that is deeper than our words.**

ONE: Where fathers and children are struggling in relationships that feel broken, depleted, or dysfunctional, deepen our shared compassion and encouragement.

**ALL: Let our prayers become part of the healing that you offer to wounded souls, Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Give Us This Day*

The Ensemble

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Bless Me*

The Ensemble

**\*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

**\*CENTERING HYMN**

*The Gift of Love*

UMH# 408

**1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire, and have  
not love, my words are vain, as sounding  
brass, and hopeless gain.**

**3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole. Let  
inward love guide every deed; by this we  
worship, and are freed.**

**2. Though I may give all I possess, and  
striving so my love profess, but not be  
given by love within, the profit soon turns  
strangely thin.**

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## **ACTS OF PROCLAMATION**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 14:15-24* (The Inclusive Bible)

“If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. “I won’t leave you orphaned. I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you will see me: because I live and you will live as well. On that day you’ll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.” Judas—not Judas Iscariot—said, “Rabbi, why is it that you’ll reveal yourself to us, and not to the whole world?” Jesus answered, “Those who love me will be true to my word, and Abba God will love them and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them. Those who don’t love me don’t keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from Abba God who sent me.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG**

Bobbi Thompson

**MESSAGE**

*Going Against the Grain*

Rev. Dr. Jill Hardt Zundel

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*We Look to You, O Jesus*

(To the Tune of "The Day of Resurrection" UMH #303)

**1. We look to you, O Jesus—in faith, our Pioneer—For you have gone before us and brought your people here. You showed us all God’s kindom, you gave us work to do; in death you went before us; for life, we turn to you.**

**3. Perfecter of the faith, Christ, we look to you each day; we work for peace and justice, we worship, learn and pray—and witnesses surround us, a host of saints above, as we continue sharing the joy of your great love.**

**2. Through times of strife and anguish, through times of joy and grace, through conflicts with our culture, you’ve brought us to this place; and still your world is changing, and still we seek to be a church reformed, reforming in faithful ministry.**

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## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Ensemble

**POSTLUDE**

*All Glory be to God on High* by Johann Vetter

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