



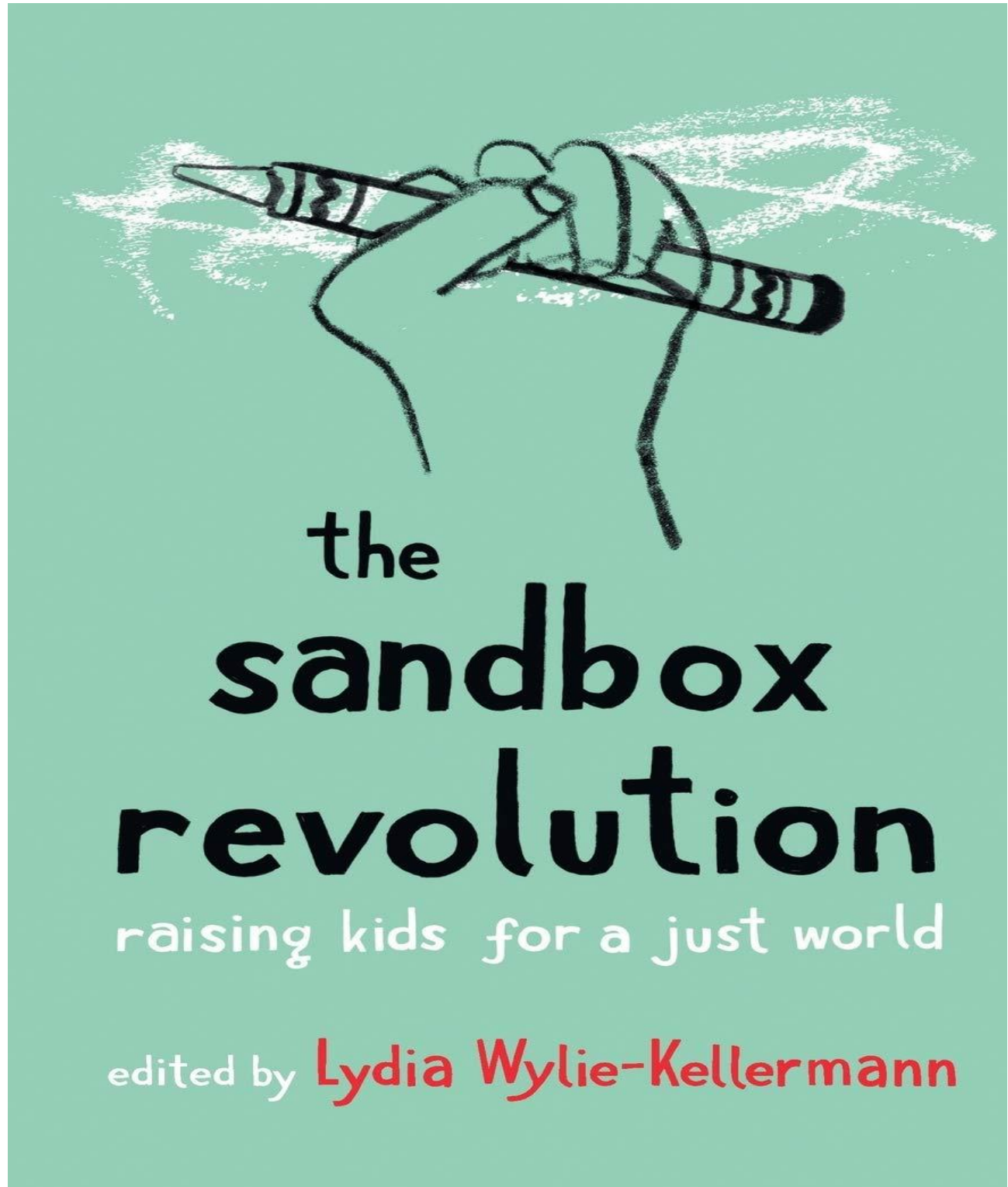
Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



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: Let us speak of mercy and justice.

ALL: For these are the things suitable for our God.

ONE: Let us follow the ways of mercy and justice, for they are the ways of peace and community.

ALL: Let us lift up our hearts in conviction and our voices in commitment and praise to the God of peace and the God of justice; the hope and healing of humanity.

*OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of The Earth

Adapted from UMH #92

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the
splendor of the skies, for the love which
from our birth over and around us lies,
(Refrain)

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister,
parent, child, friends on earth and friends
above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Refrain)

(Refrain) God of all, to you we raise this our
hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the good that love inspires, for a
world where none exclude, for a faith that
never tires, and for every heart renewed,
(Refrain)

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day
and of the night. Hill and vale, and tree
and flower, sun and moon and stars of
light, (Refrain)

ACTS OF SHARING

GREETING AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deaconess Anne Hillman

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

(Written by Audette Fulbright Fulson)

**Did you rise this morning, broken and hung over with weariness and pain and rage,
tattered from waving too long in a brutal wind?**

**Get up, child. Pull your bones upright. Gather your skin and muscle into a patch of sun.
Draw breath deep into your lungs; you will need it,
for another day calls to you.**

I know you ache,

**I know you wish the work were done and you with everyone you have ever loved
were on a distant shore safe, and unafraid.**

But remember this, tired as you are, you are not alone.

**Here, and here and here also there are others weeping and rising and gathering their
courage.**

**You belong to them and they to you and together, we will break through
and bend the arc of justice all the way down into our lives. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chantel Woodard

***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

VIDEO

On Children by Sweet Honey in the Rock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtplvvy17k0>

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 61:8-11* The Inclusive Bible

For I, God, love justice; I hate robbery and sin. So I will faithfully compensate you, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. Your descendants will be renowned among the nations; and your offspring among the people; all who see you will acknowledge that you are a people blessed by God.

I will joyfully exult in God who is the joy of my soul! My God clothed me with a robe of deliverance and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, the way a bridegroom puts on a turban and a bride bedecks herself with jewels. For the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden brings its seeds to blossom, so God makes justice sprout, and praise spring up before all nations.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Sandbox Revolution

Lydia Wylie-Kellerman and Rev. Bill Wylie-Kellerman

VIDEO

Teach Your Children Well by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQOaUnSmJr8>

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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