



# Central United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822— Sanctuary completed 1867

July 28, 2019

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### 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

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* by J.S. Bach

### INTROIT

Bobbi Thompson

## ACTS OF PRAISE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: On this day, God

**ALL: we come following you.**

ONE: In this hour, God

**ALL: we gather to hear a word from You.**

ONE: In these minutes, God

**ALL: we listen for your direction.**

ONE: In these seconds, God

**ALL: we seek Your presence.**

ONE: At all times, God

**ALL: may we worship You.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

TFWS #2238

**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 ever more.

**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. We are man and we are woman, and transgender, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)**

**5. Through the years of human struggles, walk a people long despised, gays and lesbians together fighting to be realized. (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 AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rebecca Wilson

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*If With All Your Hearts*

Arthur Park, Tenor

**\*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**

### **PRAYER SONG**

*Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*

UMH #334

**There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the  
Lord.**

*(Refrain)* **Sweet, Holy Spirit, sweet  
heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love; and for these  
blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this  
place.**

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### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rebecca Wilson

### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

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## **ACTS OF PROCLAMATION**

### **\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1: 14-20 (The Message Bible)*

Cecil Deramus

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kin-dom is here. Change your life and believe the Message." Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisher out of you. I'll show you how to catch people instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## SONG

Bobbi Thompson

## MESSAGE

*Time's Up!*

Rev. George Covintree

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

UMH #344

**1. God, You have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.  
(Refrain)**

**3. You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labors to give others rest, and  
constant love that keeps on loving.  
(Refrain)**

*(Refrain)* **O God, with Your eyes You have  
searched me, and while smiling have  
spoken my name; now my boat's left on  
the shoreline behind me; by Your side I  
will seek other seas.**

**4. You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus You call me.  
(Refrain)**

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**2. You know so well my possessions; my  
boat carries no gold and no weapons; You  
will find there, my nets and labor.  
(Refrain)**

## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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Rev. George Covintree

## POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God* by J.S. Bach

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