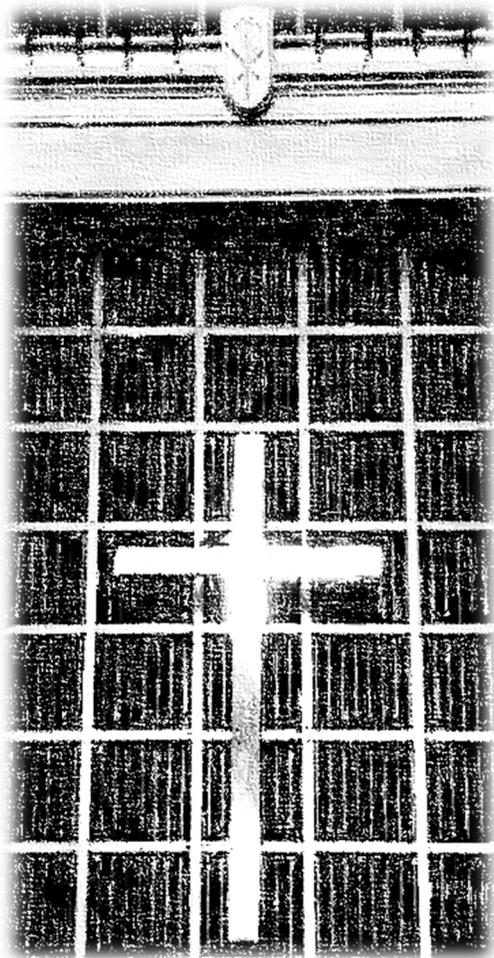


Algonquin & Central UMC's  
Virtual Worship Gathering  
April 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:  
**Connecting all people to God  
by building bridges of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

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*Welcome to our worship celebration!*  
*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the chat box early*  
*in the service so our hosts can get it to Pastor Vickie.*  
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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

One: Listen, for the voice of God comes near.

**All: Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.**

One: We come to worship the God who became one of us, who calls us by name,

**All: who is Love Incarnate, Who is!**

One: Let us gather together in joy and hope—

**All: Let us worship the God of Love!**

**Opening Hymn**

*In the Garden*

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**Scripture**

John 10:11-18

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 23:1-4, 16-22

**Sermon**

“Listening for His Voice”

**Affirmation of Faith<sup>2</sup>**

One: We believe in the God of grace. We follow the Teacher of Love.

We live by the Spirit of mercy. We trust God's healing of the world.

**ALL: When people spread fear and division, when evil, injustice and oppression thrive, no political revolution, program or platform will save us, but only a people transformed by grace and light, and a bold and sustained outbreak of gentleness.**

Two: We will stand up to cynicism, hate and indifference, and blanket this world with compassion, calm and mercy.

**ALL: We will proclaim the truth against all resistance. We will meet fear and hate with healing. We will obstruct the progress of injustice with our prayers, our words and our bodies. We will infest the world with grace and love.**

One: We pray for open hearts and a spirit of deep listening.

**ALL: We pray for courage to enter the wounds of the world; for a spirit of peace to face violence with nonviolence; for patience to answer darkness with light. We pray for humility to offer ourselves as the first to be changed.**

Two: We pray for one another, for we are one Body. We devote ourselves to sacrifice and discipline.

**ALL: Giving thanks for the great spirit of grace already breathing in us, already rising, in hope and love, as the gentle people of God, we go forth.**

Special Music

*This is My Father's World*  
Cathy Wilkinson, piano

arr. M. Hayes

Giving Moment

Time of Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Closing Hymn

*Where He Leads Me*

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Benediction

Postlude

Organist: Pat Deatrck

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

Admn. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Video Camera: Dan Robinson/Bob Vincent

Special Music: Cathy Wilkinson

Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

Footnotes:

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2. Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*.

**Announcements:**

Please take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. The assessment is for you and our two congregations. As we look to the near future, what gifts can be shared in the process of 'building bridges' throughout our community. Hard copies are available. Here is the link: [Spiritual Assessment link](#)

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