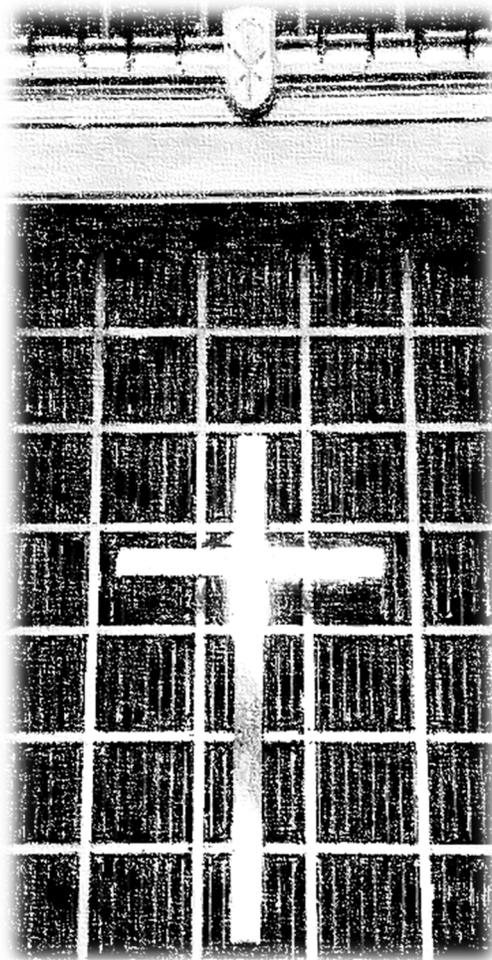


Algonquin & Central UMC's  
Virtual Worship Gathering  
April 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, May 2, 2021

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

Central UMC's Worship Gathering

May 2, 2021 at 10:30 am

*Welcome to our worship celebration!*

*We want everyone to be safe during this time of gathering.  
Please wear a mask the entire time you are in the building  
and keep a six-foot distance.*

*Offering boxes are at the back on both sides of the sanctuary by the doors.  
We will not be passing the plates. Following worship go immediately outside  
and do not congregate inside.*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon Series on Hope- "Checking Our Hearts"

Prelude

Welcome

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

One: Come, friends and seekers of God, come and worship.

**All: This is the precise time; this is the perfect setting; we have responded to God's call.**

One: Come and worship God, three-in-one; come to be nurtured and shaped by the One whose love and care for us is deeper and wider than we can imagine.

**All: We open ourselves now to experience God's presence, to delight in song, prayer, and word, so we may be molded in Christ's image.**

One: Come, friends and seekers of God, come and worship.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

TFWS 2128

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Scripture

John 15:1-8

Scripture

Jeremiah 3:12-22a

Sermon

*"Checking Our Hearts"*

Special Music

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. C. Stamengna

John Wilkinson, clarinet; Cathy Wilkinson, piano

Time of Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

*In the United Methodist Church, we practice "Open Communion" which means that anyone who is seeking a relationship with God is invited to receive Communion.*

Invitation

**Prayer of Confession<sup>2</sup>**

One: Almighty and everlasting God, we know that your love is over every creature whom your hands have made. We know that your only wish is not to destroy but to save, not to condemn but to forgive. And we know that, to receive forgiveness, we need only bring a penitent and contrite heart.

**All: Save us from all that would hinder us from having a godly sorrow for our sins; from blindness, which is not aware that we are sinning; from pride, which cannot admit that we are wrong.**

One: Save us from self-will, which can see nothing but our own way; from self-righteousness, which can see no flaw within us; from callousness, which has sinned so often that we cease to care.

**All: Save us from defiance, which is not even sorry for our sins; from evasion, which puts the blame on someone or something else; from hearts so hardened that we cannot repent.**

One: Make us responsive with eyes which are open to our own faults and a conscience which is sensitive and quick to warn.

**All: Make us responsive with a heart which cannot sin in peace and with a spirit which is moved to regret and remorse. Forgive us God, enable us to experience your grace and compassion, and discover that your love is great enough to cover all our sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: ...And so, we join our voices in song, as our ancestors have done before us, to praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: ...And so, we participate in this holy mystery and offer to make real the memory of Christ in the world. Christ is present for us so we can be present for the world as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit in your church, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

### Communion Hymn

*Take Our Bread*

UMH 640

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### Prayer After Communion

Pastor: What shall we say after reception of God's gracious gift?

**ALL: Loving God, we thank you from the depth of our hearts for your great love for us as expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we take this love we have received and share it with whomever we meet on our journey in the days ahead, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

TFWS 2140 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Kara LaLonde, piano

## Benediction

## Postlude

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Pianist: Kara LaLonde

Liturgist: Marcie Gleason

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

Video Camera: Dan Robinson

Special Music: John and Cathy Wilkinson

Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin

Adm. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

\*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

Footnotes:

1. Call to Worship (adapted) written by Rob Fennell in Celebrating Justice & Liberation: a resource for worship, ed. Linda McKiernan-Allen. ©2003 by Chalice Press.
2. Prayer of Confession written by William Barclay, Prayers for the Christian Year (London: SCM Press, 1964), adapted and written in Words for Worship, ed. Arlene M. Mark. ©1996 by Herald Press (adapted for our use today).

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## 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](#)

**Living Out Your Faith.** A relatively new women's book group has been gathering on Zoom. They are starting a new book the end of May and invite women to join them. Currently reading, "Holding Our World Together" by Brenda J. Child. The next book will be "In My Grandmother's House" by Yolanda Pierce. Tentatively plan to read "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson after that. Women from southern Michigan and New Jersey are part of the group! With Zoom, this is possible. If you are looking for a place to read and discuss how to live out your faith, this book group might be for you.

Get in touch with Emily Baker at ebaker@eupschools.org for more information.

**We have a giving opportunity for you.** The Michigan Area Annual Conference takes up an offering every year for a mission selected by the resident bishop. Bishop Bard has selected covenant partners who are working in Michigan, Haiti, and Liberia to relieve child hunger and food insecurity. All churches in the annual conference are asked to contribute. If child hunger and food insecurity is something you are passionate about, we invite you to send a check to Central UMC, designating 2021 Annual Conference Offering. There will be more information in the May newsletter. We will take donations until May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Conference is June 3 to 6 this year on Zoom. They will not be meeting in person. \* **Algonquin UMC** this is the May Change Jar collection.

**May 3rd - The Algonquin United Methodist Women** will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. All women are welcome and invited to attend!

**May 15th - The City-Wide Clean Up** will be held from 9 am until 12 pm. A group from Algonquin and Central will be meeting at 8:30 am at the Central church. Please join us, wear your Vision t-shirts, and help beautify our city!

**Register by May 10 at 906-440-0667.**

**May 30- AUMC – Graduation Sunday!** We will be celebrating our Sault High School graduate, Kaitlyn Anderson, with a reception immediately following worship. We hope you will stop downstairs for coffee and cake with Kaitlyn!