

Algonquin & Central UMC's Virtual Worship Gathering

May 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



Algonquin & Central United Methodist Churches

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon Series on Hope – “Taking Responsibility”

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship¹**

One: God holds out to us the promise of new life.

All: Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning.

One: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage.

All: In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life. Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn

Change My Heart, O God
(sing twice)

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CHANGE MY HEART

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

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Scripture

John 15:9-17

Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon

“Taking Responsibility”

Affirmation of Faith²

One: We believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

ALL: We believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family. There are no exceptions to God's love.

Two: We believe God's creation is good, beautiful and sacred;

ALL: therefore, to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God.

One: We believe Jesus Christ came to free all people from sin.

ALL: We believe Jesus Christ came to make disciples—people willing to follow His example of love and justice for all.

Two: We believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth, and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

ALL: We believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Glory is to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior, and Holy Power of love. Amen.

Special Music

Sheep May Safely Graze
Cathy Wilkinson, oboe; John Wilkinson, clarinet

J.S. BACH

Giving Moment

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built

UMH 368 vv. 1, 3, 4

Benediction

Postlude

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Liturgist: Ray Bell

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

Admn. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Video Camera: Dan Robinson

Special Music: Dr. John and Cathy Wilkinson

Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

Footnotes:

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2. Adapted from above resource.

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](#)

Crafters: We're back in person. All women are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings for crafting and fellowship at CUMC. We look forward to seeing you!

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 16th. 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 15th, this Saturday- 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.**

*Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:
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