



Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

Central UMC's Worship Gathering
September 5, 2021, at 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship celebration!

Please wear your mask while inside the building.

Offering boxes are at the back on both sides of the sanctuary by the doors.

We will not be passing the plates.

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**The nursery is available. Please ask the usher for directions.*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452
OLIVET

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Scripture

Matthew 9

Meditation

Response

Intercessory Prayer

Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

UMH 629 vv. 1, 2, 5
GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

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 Confession¹

One: Merciful God, this morning we cry out to you. Help us to pray and to concentrate our thoughts on You.

ALL: Lord, we cannot do this alone. In us there is darkness, but with You there is light.

One: We are lonely, but You do not leave us.

ALL: We are feeble in heart, but with You there is help. We are restless, but with You there is peace. In us there is bitterness, but with You there is patience.

One: We do not understand Your ways, but You know the ways for us.

ALL: Restore us to liberty, and enable us now, to serve you. Lord whatever this day may bring, Your name be praised. Amen.

One: In the name of Christ, let us take a moment to lift up our individual earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance...

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord 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, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we 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, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Through your eternal Word Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.** And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Reflection

Communion Hymn

Let Us Be Bread

TFWS 2260

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Prayer After Communion²

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

ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS 2197 vv. 1,2, 5
SLANE

Benediction

Postlude

*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal
*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

Organist: Pat Deatruck

Liturgist: Robin Myers

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

Admn. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Video Camera: Bob Vincent

Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin

Special Music: Kevin Berry

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

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

Footnotes:

1. Prayer of Confession written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from Confessions of Sin & Assurances of Pardon. © Bobby G. Griffith Jr., 2016.
2. Prayer after Communion – United Methodist Book of Worship
3. Poem written by Greta Zwaan, © 2009; <https://www.wow4u.com/christianpoems/>

*Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:
111 E. Spruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.*

Church Office Open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 6, 2021- in observance of Labor Day

PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

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Announcements - September 5, 2021

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, and will be open on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The Central & Algonquin Church Retreat at Camp Michigamme is Oct. 8-10. Register by Sept. 13 and receive a \$5.00 discount! So, register today!

All are welcome to join a new Bible Study class on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying *The Book of John, Finding, Identity and Purpose, an in-depth study of John*. The class meets in the library. Led by Norb Bennin and Bob Arfstrom.

Adult Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. New members Welcome!

Bell Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

Church Office Closed, Monday, Sept. 6, 2021- Labor Day

Back to Church Sunday, September 19, 2021

Family Night, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021

Reclaiming Wednesdays for Christian Gathering and Growth
Meal at 5:30 p.m.; small groups begin at 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Church Retreat at Camp Michigamme – October 8-10.

Fun, Reconnecting, & Relaxing for all ages!

Leaning into Leadership: We Are Led Before We Lead.

Led by Rev. Dr. Martha Burnell.

**Fall Coat Give Away – October 21-22 at God's Country Cooperative Parish
in Newberry, MI.**

If . . . Then³

If suffering can be rewarded, and patience learned as a skill,
Endurance held as an honour, and tolerance taken at will,
If weariness still can hold triumph, though pain may be in control,
If courage can still be the master directing the heart and the soul;

If faith can be held as the victor, if God is still holding the reigns,
If the heart can rely on the Master, accepting all He ordains,
If time, which passes so slowly when life seems in such disarray,
When plans for the future lie dormant and life seems a trial day by day;

Then hope is the only solution, God's promise that all this will end;
Perseverance in trials through strength that He will extend.
For prayers do not go unanswered, our pleas do not go unheard;
God in heaven is listening, and He will be true to His Word.

The challenges that you are facing, the hurt and the pain you endure,
Are drawing you unto your Master, where all future plans are secure.
God will always walk with you, the road is not yours alone;
He is the great burden bearer, He loves you for you are His own.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SENIOR COMPANION AND CAREGIVER PROGRAM

"Connecting our Communities"

This program provides community support through volunteer and nursing assistance to homebound individuals in Chippewa and Mackinac counties. These services are designed to help homebound individuals maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life.

Services provided include respite for caregivers, transportation to and from appointments/social activities, delivery of supplies and equipment, shopping, light housekeeping, gardening, shoveling, food preparation and more!



If you are a caring, compassionate person who enjoys helping others, you are invited to attend this volunteer training.

WHEN:

Saturday, Sept. 11
9:00 - 11:00 AM

WHERE:

St. Joseph's Church -
Parish Hall

TO REGISTER:

Call 259-0222 to
reserve your spot.



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