

Online Worship  
Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Sunday, December 5, 2021



With Reverend Vickie Hadaway

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

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

*Welcome to our worship celebration!*

*Offering boxes are at the back on both sides of the sanctuary by the doors.  
We will not be passing the plates.*

*CCLI License# 3999519*

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

*Second Sunday of Advent - Hope*

PRELUDE *Come, O Savior of the World* arr. MEDLOCK

CHORALE INTROIT *Come, O Redeemer, Come* arr. ORTEGA

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211 vv. 5-7  
VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE<sup>1</sup> – HOPE

Reader: Hope comes in many forms. Today we prepare for the birth of Jesus,  
the hope of the world.

All: **We embrace God's promises to bring the hope of Christ into our lives  
so we can share it with others.**

Reader: The hope that John the Baptist proclaimed included repenting and  
turning back to God.

All: **We light the candle of hope to affirm our desire to experience  
God's hope through Jesus in a new way this year.**

*(Before starting to read, light one purple candle. After the liturgy, light another purple candle.)*

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace* TFWS 2232 v.1

Sing: **Come, Hope of unity, make us one body,  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 4:1-5

CHOIR ANTHEM *The King Shall Come* arr. J. LEAVITT

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-11

SERMON *"When Christmas Isn't Christmas"* Rev. Vickie Hadaway

## 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: O gracious and loving God, who calls us to be your people in this age,

**ALL: forgive us when we keep Christ in the past,  
the Gospel as letters on a page,  
and the church as an organization in which we may or may not participate.**

One: Forgive us when fellowship and mission is meant for and delivered to those we already know and love, and we become a social club instead of your church.

**ALL: Forgive us and have mercy upon us, O God.  
Let your risen Christ reside here with us,  
and the Gospel be the power of our life,  
and the church be a people and place of showing your love where we may be.**

One: In the name of Jesus, 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

COMMUNION HYMN

*Eat This Bread*

UMH 628

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>2</sup>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*All Earth is Waiting*

UMH 210

TAULÈ

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Send Us Your Spirit*

arr. SCHUTTE

POSTLUDE

*Fling Wide the Door*

arr. BALCOMBE

\*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

Organist: Pat Deatruck

Liturgist: Robin Myers

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

Admin. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

Video Camera: Matty Barrow

Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin

Special Music: CUMC Choir

Nursery Staff: Mallory Baier

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

CUMC Choir:

Nancy Kirkpatrick, Diana Morgan, Diane Bell, Sharon Jones, Kara LaLonde, Pat Deatruck, Kevin Berry, John Wilkinson, Ben Jones, Dale Miller, and Larry Rogers.

Footnotes:

1. These are written by Vickie Hadaway, using “The Heart That Grew Three Sizes” resources and scripture.
2. Song is “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” #2232 in The Faith We Sing.
3. Prayer of Confession & Prayer after Communion is reprinted with permission from *Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God’s Grace in an Inclusive Church*, ed. Kelly Turney. © 2000 by Reconciling Congregation Program.

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

*111 E. Spruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.*

**Office Hours: The Church Office will be CLOSED- Dec. 24- Jan. 1.**

**Open on Jan. 3, 2022! 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

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**Announcements – December 5, 2021**

**All are welcome to join an Adult Bible Study class.**  
**Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.** Led by Ray Bell. Drop in! All are welcome.  
**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** - The class meets in the library.  
 Led by Norb Bennin.

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

**Adult Choir Rehearsals** begin Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

*Please join us for the Advent Season through Christmas Eve. More voices are needed!*

**SAVE THE DATES at CENTRAL:**

- Dec. 5 -** Second Sunday of Advent  
Poinsettia orders are due!
- Dec. 8 -** Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Family Night at 5:30 p.m.  
Bell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12 -** Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 19 -** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 20 -** CUMC -Rebecca Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. – FH
- Dec. 24 -** ***Christmas Eve Worship***  
5:00 p.m. at Algonquin  
7:00 p.m. at Central
- Dec. 26 -** Worship at Algonquin at 9:00 a.m.  
\*Worship at Central at 10:30 a.m.-  
Lessons & Carols in worship – **No Facebook Live today.**
- January 2, 2022** Worship at Algonquin at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at Central at 10:30 a.m.-

**Holiday Church Office Hours:**

*Please call before coming over.*

**Dec. 6, Dec. 8, Dec. 10**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 13, Dec. 15, Dec. 17**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 20, Dec. 22**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 24- Jan. 1, 2022**

**Church Office Closed**

**Open -January 3, 2022-**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

***Happy New Year!***

**LAST DAY TO ORDER!**



**POINSETTIAS for CHRISTMAS 2021**

To order a plant for Christmas services, please fill out the form below. You may honor or memorialize someone in this manner. The cost is **\$15.00 per plant. Please print clearly.**

Orders should be made and tuned in by **Sunday, December 5.** Poinsettias may be taken home after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve # \_\_\_\_\_ flowers (\$15.00 per plant) TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The designation should read (please check one):

In memory of  In honor of  For the glory of God

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate in the memo line of your check “**poinsettia**” and make it payable to: Central United Methodist Church,  
 111 East Spruce St., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783