

Central  
and  
Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches



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

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

December 4, 2022, at 10:30 am

*Welcome to our worship celebration!*

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PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT      *God Almighty, We Are Waiting*      WS 3047

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

*R: I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation to the ends of the earth.*

One: Give the king your justice, O God,

**All: and your righteousness to the royal son!**

One: May he judge your people with righteousness,

**All: and your poor with justice!**

One: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!

One: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

One: In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more.

\*OPENING HYMN      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      UMH 211  
Verses 4, 5, 6      VENI EMMANUEL

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING      The Rowland Family

SCRIPTURE READING      Isaiah 11:1-10

CHORAL ANTHEM      *Waiting*      J. Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

God's Unquenchable Fire

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>2</sup>

Gracious God, you offer us a gift beyond price. Your Son is like the sweet kiss of rain on a barren land. Your promised salvation is like the bread of heaven for those who are perishing. In gratitude for your abundant gifts, we commit ourselves to act justly, in solidarity with the poor, and we pledge our assistance to those who are in need. May the gifts we bring before you this day hasten the day when none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear Us, O God

All: Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213

TRURO

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Soon and Very Soon*

UMH 706

# POSTLUDE

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

Organist: Kara LaLonde  
Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins  
Admin. Assist: Robin Myers

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish  
Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson  
Greeters: Tom Brown and Kelley Bunker

Pastor: Marty Johnston

### Footnotes:

1. Call to Worship used with permission from the United Methodist Hymnal 795 Psalm 72:1-7
2. Prayer of dedication adapted from Abingdon Worship Manual

## Announcements – December 4, 2022

December Love Offering:



Adult Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 9:30am led by Ray and Diane Bell.  
ALL are welcome.

### This Week

- Today, December 4<sup>th</sup> Poinsettia Orders Due  
Soup Luncheon Following Worship  
Advent Family Night @5PM
- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Bell Choir @6PM  
Chancel Choir @7PM

### SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> SteelTown Brass Band Holiday Concert
  - Directed by John Wilkinson
  - Admission by Donation
- Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Family Night at CUMC @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Blue Christmas Service at 7PM
- Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service at 7PM
- Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service at 10:30AM  
No Nursery/Sunday School
- Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> No Nursery/Sunday School

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

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