Central

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United Methodist Churches

Mission Statement:

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



Sunday, January 22, 2023

Central United Methodist Church

Central and Algonquin UMC’s Worship Gathering

January 22, 2023, at 10:30 am

 *Welcome to our worship celebration!*

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THIRD sunday after the epiphany

Prelude

Choral Introit *Come and See* TFWS 2127

 MH kyrie

Welcome

\*Call to Worship1

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**All: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to**

**behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord’s temple.**

One: The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal

me under the cover of his tent, and will set me high upon a rock.

**All: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me;**

**and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord’s tent with shouts of joy; I will sing**

**and make melody to the Lord.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**All: “Come,” my heart said, “seek the Lord’s face.” Your face, O Lord, I seek.**

One: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, for

you have been my help.

\*Opening Hymn *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

 How great thou art

\*pastor’s opening prayer

time for young christians

Scripture READINGIsaiah 9:1-4

Choir Anthem *Softly and Tenderly* arr. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON It’s closer than you think

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY umh 95

 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** old hundredth

 **Praise him, all creatures here below;**

 **Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

 **Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*prayer of dedication2

 **Loving God, light of the world, we thank you for these gifts. May they share your joy and your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those seeking to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

prayers of the People

Leader: Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer**

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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  TFWS 2173

 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Benediction

Postlude

\*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*TFWS―The Faith We Sing

Organist: Kara LaLonde Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell/ Barb Carlisle

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson Nursery Staff: Mallory Baier

Admin. Assist: Kimberly Clark Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Footnotes:

1. Taken from the UMH 774-775, Psalm 27:1, 4-9

2. Prayer of dedication adapted from Abington Worship Manual 2023

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

ALL are welcome.

**Announcements – January 22, 2023**

* If you are interested in becoming a member of the church or receive baptism, please contact Pastor Marty Johnston.

This Week

* Ad Council Meeting in the Central Library January 24th at 7 PM
* Bible Study starting January 25th at 10:30 AM in the Central Methodist Church Library with Pastor Marty beginning with the book of Romans.

Save The Dates

* Men’s Group Dinner and Fellowship at Algonquin Church

 January 31, 2023, 5:30 PM RSVP: Jim Atkins (906) 635-015

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