

Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.

*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches
Sunday, May 14, 2023*

Mission Statement:

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

With Pastor Marty Johnston

Central UMC's Worship Gathering

May 14, 2023 - 10:30 am

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

PRELUDE

"Blessed Peace"

Paxton

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#158

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

All: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

One: You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our loins;

All: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.

One: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

All: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

One: Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

All: I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.

One: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

All: But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

*OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

DIX

*Pastor's Opening Prayer:

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Youth are invited to attend Young Christian's Worship at this time downstairs.

Recognition of Graduates

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 17:22-31

CHOIR ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

- A. Pote

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Living and Loving Faithfully

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us continue our worship of God in the giving of our gifts and offerings.

OFFERTORY

“Moment of Prayer”

Glyncannon

*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

*God of all creation, you offer us so many blessings. For creating us in your image and entrusting us to reveal your presence throughout the world, we thank you. Create blessings, even miracles, through the gifts we now bring, that others may sense your abiding presence and know your extravagant love. In gratitude and hope we pray. 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

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

#672

POSTLUDE

“Azmon”

Birchwood

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Liturgist: Robin Myers

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Ushers/Greeters: Don Wilson/Ian Wilson

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

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

Footnotes:

* 1. Taken from the UMH 764-5 Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16
2023

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual

Announcements – May 14, 2023

The 2023 Camp Michigamme Clean-Up Day will take place on Saturday,
May 20th from 9AM-3PM. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF GRADUATES: Please submit graduation information and a photo of the graduate for recognition in the upcoming June issue of The Flame. The deadline is May 15, 2023. Contact Barb Larson at (906)632-7958 or email the information to blarson1517@charter.net.

AUMC- May Change Jar: The money collected during the singing
of the last hymn will be donated to Road to Recovery.



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

Algonquin United Birthdays/Anniversaries

18th -Becky Meicher, 18th – Erv Price, 20th – Mindy Wilson

Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

15th – Terri Bush, 16th – Kris Donarski,
18th Marli Moran (3 yrs. old), 18th – Gary Sweeley

This Week

- Wednesday Bell Choir Rehearsal @ 6PM
- Wednesday Endowment Committee Meeting @6PM
- Wednesday Choir Rehearsals @ 7PM
- Wednesday Finance Committee Meeting 7PM
- Thursday Ad Board Meeting 6PM

Save the Date

Sunday, May 28th Pentecost Sunday: In remembrance of the tongues of fire... We encourage all to WEAR RED. No red in your closet??? Orange or yellow would also be representative of flame colors.

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

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: If you have responded to the second mile giving, but did not fill out a pledge card, please pick one up at either entrance to the sanctuary and complete it. We would like to have everyone's pledges to add to our totals and to make sure your contributions are recorded and reported properly. It can be placed in the offering plate or turned in at the church office. -CUMC

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