



*Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches  
Sunday, May 21, 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 21, 2023 - 10:30 am

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

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

*"St. Columba"*

arr. Parson

BELL CHOIR INTROIT -

*Kum Ba Yah*

arr. J. Wilson

WELCOME

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

**RESPONSE:** Earth and heaven repeat the cry, "Glory be to God on high."

One: Clap your hands, all peoples!

All: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

One: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

All: **a great Ruler over all the earth,**

One: who subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet,

All: **who chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R**

One: God has gone up with a shout,

All: **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

All: **Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**

One: For God is the Ruler of all the earth;

All: **sing praises with psalm!**

One: God reigns over the nations;

All: **God sits on his holy throne.**

One: The princes of the people gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

All: **For the shields of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted! R**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

UMH 312

LLANFAIR

\*PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER:

FAMILY NIGHT CELEBRATION - Recognition

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 1:6-14

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

- R. Nagy

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 17:1-11

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon The Great Prayer

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*We are blessed by God's word. Let us respond boldly to God's grace with abundant giving for the mission and ministry of this church.*

BELL CHOIR OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - arr. Kevin McChesney

## \*DOXOLOGY

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.

UMH 95  
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Gracious God, source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, 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

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

UMH 413  
BOYLSTON

## BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE      *God Be with You till We Meet Again*      #672

POSTLUDE      *"Festival Recession"*      Nordman

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Liturgist: Jackie Willey

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell/Barb Carlisle

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

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

Footnotes:

\* 1. Taken from the UMH 781 Psalm 47    \*\*2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

### Announcements – May 21, 2023

**\*\*If you lost your clip-on earring, it was found under a church pew last Sunday. You may stop by the office to claim it.**

FYI: Pastor Marty will be out of the office Monday thru Thursday of this coming week. (05/22-25/23)  
The office hours will remain the same. Mon.- Thurs. 9am-2pm.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is being held Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12pm will be held at CUMC. Registration forms are available in the narthex. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jenny Shelley @ 9044661847.

**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

26<sup>th</sup> – Sherri Voegtline

26<sup>th</sup>- Erv and Connie Price –Anniv.

### Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

25<sup>th</sup> – Art Smart

22<sup>nd</sup> – Marv and Charlene DeWitt – 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

27<sup>th</sup> – Tony and Melissa McLain – Anniv.

### Save the Date

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9a.m. to 2p.m.**

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