

The Parable of the Sower



*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches
Sunday, July 16, 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

July 16, 2023 - 10:30 am

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

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Gentle, Holy Savior"

Gounod, arr. Broughton

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

All: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

One: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

All: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

One: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

All: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

All: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

*OPENING HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600
WORDS OF LIFE

*PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 25:19-34

CHORUS

Spirit of the Living God (2x)

UMH 393
LIVING GOD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we continue our worship of God, may we respond to God's goodness with faithful love for those who are in need of our gifts this day.

OFFERTORY

“Presence Divine”

SMITH

*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

Just as your word is a light to our path, may our offering of praise be a light to the world. In this season of fruitful gardens, help us share bountiful harvests of our own making. Whether our offering be of our time, wealth, or prayer, receive and multiply our gifts, through the glory of your love. 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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

UMH 671
SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“March in G”

SMART

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell/Barb Carlisle/Jim Bankson

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

Announcements – July 16, 2023

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



AUMC - Our July change jar offering will be donated to Feeding America.

Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

17th - Ashley Harwood

18th - Sandy Gaus

July 19th - Kaitlyn Anderson (20th)

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

17th – Abby Abrego

22nd – Amy and Gary Artley - 17th Anniverary

This week

Wednesday: Bible Study @10:30in the CUMC Library with Norb Bennin continuing with Dr. David Jeremiah “Overcomer” - 8 Ways to Live a Life of Unstoppable Strength, Unmovable Faith, & Unbelievable Power!

Save The Dates

Tuesday, July 18: Foster Parent Group Meets @5:00 – 7:30pm
Monthly on the third Tuesday – CUMC

*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

Footnotes:

* Footnotes: : 1. Psalm 119: 105-112 (Not in UMH) **2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

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