



LIFE CHANGING LESSONS FROM

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

PRELUDE: *Song Without Words, No. 44* Mendelssohn
arr. Peery

WELCOME:

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

One: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord's presence continually!

One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

All: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

One: The Lord is our God, whose judgments are in all the earth.

All: The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,

One: the covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

All: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

*OPENING HYMN: *This is My Father's World* UMH 144
TERRA BEATA

*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 29:15-28

HYMN: *Seek Ye First* UMH 405
SEEK YE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON: Parables of Jesus

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us share our gifts to make God's deeds known among the peoples. May our gifts and offerings glorify God and tell of Christ's wonderful works.

OFFERTORY: "Theme from a Nocturne" Chopin, arr. Ritter

*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 DEDICATION:
God, you bless us with gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy. For the earth and its bounty, we give you thanks. For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you our praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. 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

Pass It On

UMH 572
Pass It On

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Bach, arr Paxton

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston
Organist: Pat Deatruck
Ushers/Greeters: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker
Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish
Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson
Liturgist: Karen Sabatine
Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

Announcements – July 30, 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.

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

Aug. 1st – Seth Baker
Aug. 4th – Betty MacDonald
Aug. 2nd – Megan and Nate Moran 9th Anniv.
Aug. 4th – Gayle and Bob Johnson 61st Anniv.

This Week

Wednesday: Bible Study @10:30 in 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 Date

Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 9:00am-1:00pm: The First United Presbyterian Church Women’s Association located at 555 Bingham St. is holding a Rummage Sale on Sat. 8/5/23, 9am-1pm. It will be held at the Lion Street entrance (outside), as well as in the Social Hall downstairs. The money raised will be used for local mission projects.

*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

* Footnotes: 1. UMH Psalm 105:1-11

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

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