

As for you, you meant evil against me,

**but God meant
it for good,**

to bring it about that many people
should be kept alive, as they are today.

GENESIS 50:20

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*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Mission Statement:

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

With Pastor Marty Johnston

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

September 17, 2023, 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship celebration!

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

“TRURO”

arr. Ritter

CHORAL INTROIT

“Let's Sing Unto the Lord”

UMH #149

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: The Lord, who works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed, has made known God's ways to Moses, God's acts to the people of Israel.

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: The Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger for ever.

All: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;

All: For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers that we are dust.

One: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon the faithful, and the righteousness of the Lord to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110
EIN' FESTE BURG

***PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER:**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 50:15-21

CHOIR ANTHEM "Praise the Name of the Lord" arr. J. Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON Thoughts on Forgiveness

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Let us share gifts of every kind in the service of God's healing justice and love.*

OFFERTORY "A Faithful Shepherd" arr. Macklin

***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 DEDICATION²**

Gracious God, use all we bring to life, and all we bring to you today, to bring justice, mercy, and compassion. May our gifts play a part in the healing of our world. In your holy name 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

We Need Your Help!!

Nursery Volunteers: Needed to assist in the CUMC Nursery this coming Fall. If you are interested, please contact our Family Ministry Coordinator, Jenny Shelley @904-466-1847 or jennyshelley13@outlook.com.

CUMC Rummage Sale – Volunteers are needed with setting up tables, help during the rummage sale, and help after the sale. If you are available, please contact Diana Morgan at 906-632-2356 to sign up. Setup dates scheduled for M-Tue. 9/18-19 & Thur. 9/21.

Donations for the rummage sale are being collected. Items may be placed in the storage space between the Fellowship Hall & the Bell Choir room at CUMC.

Join Ray and Diane Bell for Adult Bible Study every Sunday, @ 9:30 - CUMC. All are welcome!

Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

17th - Ruth Molino – 90th

20th – Fred Smith

22nd – Sheri Garee

Algonquin Birthdays / Anniversaries

19th – Sharon Bennett, 20th – Ed Rousseau,
21st – Bob Sibbald, 23rd – Chris Meicher



AUMC - Our **September Change Jar Offering** will be donated to the High School Food Pantry



This Week

Wednesday: Bible Study @10:30 in the CUMC library with Pastor Marty starting with the book of Romans.

Wednesday: Family Night from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. @CUMC. Dinner will be served prior to the lesson.

Wednesday: Bell Choir Rehearsal @ 6 p.m. - CUMC

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal @ 7 p.m. – CUMC

Save The Dates

Tues., Sept. 19 – Ad Board Meeting @CUMC

Fri. - Sat., Sept. 22-23 – Rummage Sale @CUMC in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 26 – Men’s Night Dinner at AUMC. All men of AUMC & CUMC are invited to attend an evening of food and fellowship. Fellows, give your wife a break and come join the group. Please RSVP to Jim Atkins @ 906-635-0150.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389
FREELY, FREELY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Shalom to You”

UMH #666

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C”

Johnston

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

*1. Taken from UMH 824 Psalm 103:1-18 **2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

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