



parable of the
WORKERS
in the
VINEYARD

*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, September 24, 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 24, 2023, 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship celebration!

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

“Melodie”

Livingston

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.**

*OPENING HYMN “God Will Take Care of You”

UMH 130
MARTIN

*PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15

HYMN “Open Our Eyes”

TFWS 2086
OPEN OUR EYES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Parable of the Workers

INVITATION TO OFFERING In the wilderness of our lives, God's grace is like water flowing from a rock, transforming arid desert into flowing rivers. In thanksgiving for God's mercy, let us give from our abundance as we collect today's offering.

OFFERTORY

"Consecration"

Ritter

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert. We offer you our thanks and praise. May our gifts and offerings bless your world—that all may be blessed, and all may find purpose and passion through Christ our Lord. 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

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

This Week

Tuesday : Give your wife a break and come join us for good food and fellowship. **Men's Night Dinner @ 5:30 - AUMC**. All men of AUMC & CUMC are invited to attend an evening of good food

and fellowship. Please RSVP to Jim Atkins @ 906-635-0150.

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

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

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Save the Date

Sun., Oct. 1st: Central's Soup Luncheon. Join us after church service for a time of good food and fellowship.

Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

25th – Marquetta Bruce

27th – Nate Moran



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



***CLOSING HYMN**

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”

UMH 363
SAGINA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sing to the Lord”

Smith

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

*1. Taken from UMH 828 Psalm 105:1-6 **2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

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