



Parable of the
WEDDING
BANQUET

*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, October 15, 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

October 15, 2023, 10:30 am

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE "Worship" Southbridge

CHORAL INTROIT - Come, We That Love the Lord UMH #732

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Praise the Lord!

All: **O give thanks to the Lord who is good; whose steadfast love endures
for ever!**

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God's
praise?

All: **Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!**

One: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when
you deliver them,

All: **that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the
gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your heritage.**

*OPENING HYMN "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets" UMH 108
ENENEZER

*PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - "What Gift Can We Bring" vs. 1 & 2 UMH 87
sharing by Tom Robinson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14

CHOIR ANTHEM - I Will Arise and Go to Jesus -- arr. J. Carter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Parable of the Wedding Feast

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As recipients of God's steadfast love and grace, let us offer gifts of gratitude in our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY "Morning Prayer" arr. Price

*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 DEDICATION²

God of steadfast love, your bounty knows no bounds. Receive the gifts we bring you this day, and help us stay focused on things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace,

All: hear 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

*CLOSING HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" UMH 348
THOMPSON

BENEDICTION

*God be with you till we meet again, by his council guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again...*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" UMH #671

POSTLUDE

"Sing a New Song of Joy"

Livingston

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

*1. Taken from the UMH 829 Psalm 106:1-5

*2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Jackie Willey

Ushers/Greeters: Norb Bennin/Ron Morgan/James Arfstrom

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

Announcements – October 15, 2023

Remember, October is Pastor Appreciation Month! When you see Pastor Marty be sure to thank him for his and Tina's service to our two churches.

Church Conference - St Ignace UMC 1PM today, Pastor Marty will be out of the office Mon-Wed., Oct 15-18

The **Rebecca Circle** meets in the Fellowship Hall on the **3rd Monday of each month** at 1:30. They will be continuing their video series, "Listen, Love, Repeat." See page 5 of the Flame for more details and information.

If you are interested in helping with the Annual Christmas Bazaar by making donations, volunteering, and taking part in the "Grandpa's Workshop sign-up for the upcoming UMWs Annual Christmas Bazaar at CUMC, please contact Sherry Hutchins or Bev Proulx. A sign-up form is available at the CUMC church's office.

Algonquin Women of Faith will be hosting a **Soup/Chili Dinner** on Sunday, October 22, at 5 p.m.

This Week

Today: Church Conference - St Ignace UMC 1PM today. Last day to submit items for the November Flame. Please submit to Barb Larson by noon today.

Monday: Rebecca Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30p.m. for refreshments, discussion and planning for the coming month. All women are welcome. Hostesses: Susan Brown/Diana Morgan

Wednesday: Bible Study @10:30 in the CUMC library

Wednesday: Family Night from **5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** @CUMC. Dinner will

be served prior to the lesson. All are welcome.

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

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

Save the Date

Sun., Oct. 22 - Algonquin Soup/Chili Dinner at 5 p.m. @ AUMC

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

18th – Gary Horner, 19th – Ben Jones,
19th – Sarah Shadnaw, 20th – Mark LaRoue

October 20th – Debbie and Art Smart's 50th Anniversary

Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

17th - Brad Crabb,
19th - Mackenzie Anderson (19 yrs. old),
21st - Michele Pratt

*Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:
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