



*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, March 3, 2024

With Reverend Brenda Ransom

Mission Statement:

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

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

March 3, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Greeters/Ushers: Ray Bell/James Bankson

Liturgist: Marcia Jenkins-Ball

PRELUDE

"Lay Your Burdens Down"

Moore

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

One: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

One: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

All: the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

All: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

One: Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me!

All: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH 152
FOREST GREEN

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS *Youth are invited to attend Young Christian's Worship at this time downstairs*

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

This morning's passage describes the Ten Commandments, laws given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. These commandments guide people on how to live in a way

that honors God and respects others. They include instructions to worship only God, not to make idols, and to honor one's parents. They also forbid actions like stealing, lying, and committing murder or adultery. The commandments teach about the importance of honesty, kindness, and respecting others' belongings and relationships. Following these commandments helps people build a good relationship with God and live harmoniously with others in their community.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-17

CHORUS “Open Our Eyes”

TFWS 2086
OPEN OUR EYES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Jesus, Hiring for Housekeeping Position

INVITATION TO OFFERING

With grateful hearts, let us bring our gifts before God this day.

OFFERTORY “Trust in Jesus”

arr. Eliot

*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

Holy God, we bring these gifts with grateful hearts, that you may use them to build your community of justice and righteousness. 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

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261
LORD OF THE DANCE

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...

POSTLUDE

“Gagliarda”

arr. Pasquet

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*1. Taken from the 753 Psalm 22:25-31

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

Reverend: Brenda Ransom

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell/James Bankson

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Marcia Jenkins-Ball

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 3, 2024

Reminder: Holy Communion worship service will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2024, the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Family Ministries is having an **Easter Egg hunt** during children’s worship time on Easter Sunday. If you would like to **contribute Easter candy** for the event boxes will be labeled and available during March at both sanctuary entrances of the church for donations. Thank you for being so supportive of Family Ministry.

Easter Flower Orders are being taken. An **order form** is located on **page 5** of the **March Flame**. The order form and payment may be placed in the offering plate or may be returned to the church office Mon. – Thurs. 9:30- 1:45 p.m. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 10.

Robin Myers, who is the **host for online services** during worship at Central, **will be away** for two Sundays, **March 24 & 31**. A **backup is needed** to host on those Sundays. **Please let the pastor or Robin know if you would be willing to cover during this time.**

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

Mar. 5th – Katelyn Bell

Mar. 6th – Ray Bell

Mar. 8th – Jim Arfstrom

This Week

Wednesday: Bible Study at 10:30 in the CUMC library. Viewing and discussing “A Bible Study of Ephesians” by Joyce Meyer.

Wednesday: Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m., Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM –CUMC

Wednesday: Anchor House Campus Ministries - Book Study & Snacks at 6 PM at the Norris Center (on LSSU Campus) in room 100 next to the S.A.C entrance. All college students are welcome.

Thursday: Ad Board Committee Meeting 7-8 p.m. CUMC’s library.

Saturday: Brunch & Book Study for college students is being held in the CUMC Fellowship Hall - 11:30 AM start time. For information email: diranchorhouse@gmail.com.

Saturday: The **16th Annual Family FUN Fair** will be held in the (SAC) Student Activity Center at the Norris Center at LSSU from 1 PM - 3:30 PM. **Door prizes, 20+ Carnival Games, food, face-painting and much more. NO ADMISSION FEE and NO tickets required.**

Save the Date

Sun., March 10: Daylight Savings time. **Reminder:** Spring Forward
- Last day for Easter Flower Orders and payment

Sun., March 24: Palm Sunday

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