



*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches
With Pastor Marty Johnston*

Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

March 10, 2024 - 10:30 am

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Liturgist: Ray Bell

Communion: Diane Bell/Marcia Jenkins-Ball

PRELUDE "Andante and Moderato" Peeters

CHORAL INTROIT - 'Come, Share the Lord' -B. Leech

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

All: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

One: Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress,

All: and led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell.

***OPENING HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 21:4-9

CHOIR ANTHEM 'Jesus Was Crucified' - J. Althouse

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Take a look

COMMUNION: Please See Insert

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us share our gifts of grace for the goodness of God's world.

OFFERTORY

"Greenwell"

arr Kirkpatrick

*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

*Merciful God, bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow
the richness of your love and grace in the world. 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

"O Love Divin, What Hast Thou Done"

UMH 287

SELENA

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...*

CHORAL BENEDICTION -

'Walk With Me'

- J. Rice

POSTLUDE

"Postludium"

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Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston
Organist: Pat Deatrick
Ushers/Greeters: Norb Bennin/Ron Morgan/James Arfstrom
Communion Stewards: Diane Bell/Marcia Jenkins-Ball
Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish
Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson
Liturgist: Ray Bell
Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 10, 2024

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.

Next Sunday, March 17th, we will be **celebrating Jenny Shelley and her time** with us **as our Family Ministry Coordinator** with a **special recognition and coffee hour**. We **hope you can join us** for worship service to share your **best wishes with Jenny, Stephen, and Aidan Shelley** as they move **on to their next adventure**.

Also, next Sunday, we ask that the congregation **wear green to church** in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We want to celebrate this day, especially with all of our Irish friends, to commemorate the arrival of Christianity to Ireland.

Easter Flower Orders are being taken. Order forms are located outside both sanctuary entrances (***Note cost correction—A hydrangea is \$32**). The order form and payment may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office Mon. through Thur., 9:30- 1:45 p.m. **Deadline** to place an order is **Sunday, March 17**.

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

Mar. 11th – Mallory Baier, Mar. 12th – Audrey Gillet

This Week

Wednesday: Bible Study at 10:30 in the CUMC library viewing The Promise of Psalm 23 with Max Lucado

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

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

Saturday: Brunch and book Study for college students will be held in the CUMC Fellowship Hall, with an 11:30 a.m. start time.

Save the Date

Wed., Mar. 20 – Family Night at CUMC - 5:30-7 p.m. - Dinner will be served.
Sun., Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday
Thur., Mar. 28- Maundy Thursday - The service will be at AUMC at 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 29 - Good Friday Community Service will be held at **First Presbyterian Church** at 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 31 - CentralUMC will hold an **Easter brunch at 9:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The Flame newsletter, page 8, has a more detailed article about the brunch.

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

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