



*Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches*

*With Pastor Marty Johnston*

*Sunday, March 17, 2024*

Mission Statement:

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

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

March 1, 2024 - 10:30 am

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Greeters/Ushers: Joe/Sue Anne Bartelsmyer

Liturgist: Robin Myers

PRELUDE

“Slane”

arr. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT

'Renew me. O Eternal Light'

- arr. J. Leavitt

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**All: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**All: For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.**

One: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

**All: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me**

One: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

One: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**All: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140  
FAITHFULNESS

**PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN                      “A Charge to Keep I Have”                      UMH 413  
BOYLSTON

CHORAL BENEDICTION              'An Irish Parting Blessing'              - arr. J.J. Williams

## 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                                      “Clonmel”                                      arr. Simone

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal  
\*1. Taken from the UMH 785-786 Psalm 51:1-12

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing  
\*\*2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston  
Organist: Pat Deatrick  
Ushers/Greeters: Joe/Sue Anne Bartelsmeyer  
Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish  
Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson  
Liturgist: Robin Myers  
Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 17, 2024

We **hope you will join us** in the **Social Hall**, after the worship service, to share your **best wishes with Jenny, Stephen, and Aidan Shelley** as they move **on to their next adventure**.

**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.

**Today is the last day to turn in the Easter Flower Orders** are being taken. The order form and payment may be placed in the offering plate.

### Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Bankson  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Paul Aikens  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jenny Shelley  
Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Brown  
Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Kathy and Kevin Larson 29<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

### Algonquin Birthday

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Colia

## **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: Family Night** at CUMC – 5:30-7 p.m. – Dinner will be served before the meeting.

**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.

**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](mailto:diranchorhouse@gmail.com).

## **Save the Date**

**Sun., Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday**

**Thur., Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday** - The service will be @ AUMC at 6:30

**Fri., Mar. 29 - Good Friday Community Service** will be held at **First Presbyterian Church** at 1:00 p.m.

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