

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "Thus it is written that the **Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day** and that repentance, for the **forgiveness of sins**, would be preached in **HIS NAME** to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:45-48.

*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

With Pastor Marty Johnston

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Mission Statement:

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of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering
April 14, 2024 – 10:30 AM
CCLI License# 3999519
Third Sunday of Easter

Greeters/Ushers: Norb Bennin/Rong Morgan/James Arfstrom
Liturgist: Robin Myers

PRELUDE "Pollard" arr. Smith

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT
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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

All: You have given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

One: How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

All: How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

One: But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God's own;

All: the Lord hears when I call.

One: Be angry, but do not sin;

All: commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.

One: Offer right sacrifices,

All: and put your trust in the Lord.

One: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

All: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!"

One: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

All: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

*OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327
DIADEMATA

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:12-19

HYMN

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

UMH 363
SAGINA

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:36b-48

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Time For a Witness Statement

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. May our hearts brim with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of offering.

OFFERTORY

“Christe Sanctorum”

arr. Price

*DOXOLOGY

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.

UMH 95
OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Generous God of love and grace, we ask for your blessing on our lives and on these gifts. May our gifts and our witness be instruments of your boundless love and grace to the world. 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

ATTENTION, FAMILIES OF GRADUATES

If you have a **high school** or a **higher education graduate** in your family, please **submit information** about them so they may be **recognized in** an upcoming issue of the “**Flame**”. Please be sure to submit a photo of the graduate. Contact Barb Larson at 906-632-7958, or email her at blarson1517@charter.net.

Flame information - Time to begin submitting news for the May issue of the "Flame." Email news or information to Barb Larson at blarson1517@charter.net.

Algonquin Birthdays

Apr. 16th – Todd Vollick

Central Birthdays

Apr. 17th – Brenda Coullard

Apr. 16th – Cathy and John Wilkinson – (19th Anniv.)

This Week

Monday: Rebecca Circle Meeting at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the CUMC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Bible Study at 10:30 in the CUMC library. Viewing and discussing “Making Good Habits & Breaking Bad Habits” by Joyce Meyer.

Wednesday: Family Night at CUMC – 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6 PM 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.

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

*CLOSING HYMN

“He Lives”

UMH 310
ACKLEY

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

“Azmon”

arr. Birchwood

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*1. Taken from the UMH 741 Psalm 14

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2024

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