



*Central and Algonquin United
Methodist Churches*

Sunday, August 4, 2024

With Pastor Marty Johnston

Mission Statement:

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

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering
Pastor Marty Johnston
August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
CCLI License# 3999519

Greeters/Ushers:

Liturgist: Marcie Gleason

Communion: Jackie Willey/Robin Myers

PRELUDE

“Prayer Salome”

arr. Pasquet

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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.

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

One: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

One: For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

*OPENING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

UMH 545

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PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST READING

In this morning’s reading the Apostle Paul urges believers to live a life worthy of their calling, with humility, patience, and love, maintaining unity through the Spirit. He emphasizes one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Paul explains that Christ gave different gifts to equip believers for service and to build up the church. These gifts help everyone reach unity in faith and maturity in Christ. By working together in love, the church grows and becomes stronger.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. S. DeCesare

John Wilkinson - clarinet

SERMON

Love and Unity

COMMUNION

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are gathered here to share in the Lord's Supper, a holy meal that unites us as one body. As we prepare our hearts, let us remember the call to live a life worthy of our calling, with humility, patience, and love, striving for unity in the Spirit.

Congregation: We come together as one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have

broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Words of Institution

Leader: On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

Congregation: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Leader: When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:

Congregation: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made us one body in Christ, with gifts to build each other up and to grow in unity and maturity.

Congregation: We give thanks to You, O God, for calling us to be Your people, and for giving us the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Consecration

Leader: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Congregation: By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Leader: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Leader: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Congregation: The body of Christ, given for us. Amen.

Leader: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Congregation: The blood of Christ, shed for us. Amen.

(Congregation comes forward)

Closing Words of Encouragement

Leader: As we have shared in this holy meal, let us be reminded of our call to live as one body in Christ. Let us strive for unity, building each other up in love, and growing in faith. Go forth with the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, being faithful until He comes again.

Congregation: Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Perfect Peace”

Paxton

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**

Gracious God, may these gifts and our good works bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. Amen.

HYMN

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

UMH 557
PORT JERVIS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Leader: Merciful God,

All: receive 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 – August 4, 2024

Hiring - Family Ministries Coordinator Position

Do you know someone who enjoys working with children and loves God? **CUMC** is **seeking** to hire a **Family Ministries Coordinator**. The position is **part-time** with **flexible hours** and has a **strong support team**. A job description is available in the church office. Anyone **interested** or with questions is encouraged to **contact Pastor Marty** at the church office or **Terri Bush** at **906-440-2850**.

The Worship Committee is looking for additional liturgists and ushers. Please see Robin Myers if you would be willing to serve in these areas.

Algonquin Birthday

August 9 – Katie Plitz

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

July 28th – Ginger Bath July 30th – Sue Brown

August 4 – Betty MacDonald

August 4th – Gayle and Bob Johnson (62nd)

August 8th – Colleen and Bernie Arbic (60th)

Join us after the service for the Summer Month's Salad Luncheon!

Save the Date

Tues., 8/13 - Finance Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the church library

Sun., 8/18 – CYC Meeting @ 11:45 a.m. in the CUMC Lounge

*CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH 664
THE ASH GROVE

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

“Sortie on “Hursley”

Smith

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