

A person is silhouetted while sitting on a large rock on a hillside. They are looking out over a city at sunset, with the sky transitioning from a pale yellow to a soft orange. The city lights are visible in the distance, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

THE POWER OF FAITH MARK 6:1-13

*Central and Algonquin United
Methodist Churches*

Sunday, July 7, 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
July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
CCLI License# 3999519

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker

Liturgist: Robin Myers

Communion: Jackie Willey

PRELUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

arr. Hemy

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God;

All: whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

One: Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great Ruler.

All: Within its citadels, God has proven a sure defense.

One: For lo, the kings assembled, they marched together.

All: As soon as they saw it, they were astounded, they were in panic, they took to flight;

One: trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in travail,

All: as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

One: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

All: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

One: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

All: Your right hand is filled with victory; let Mount Zion be glad!

One: Let daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

All: Walk about Zion, go round about it, number its towers,

One: consider well its ramparts, go through its citadels that you may tell the next generation,

All: “This is God, our God forever and ever. God will be our guide forever.”

*OPENING HYMN

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400
NETTLETON

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

In our first reading the Apostle Paul talks about a man he knows who was taken to heaven and saw amazing and unspeakable things. He also mentions having a "thorn in the flesh," a problem that kept him humble. Paul asked God three times to take it away, but God said, "My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Paul realized that his weakness made him rely on God's strength, so he was glad to boast about his weaknesses because they showed God's power.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 12:2-10

CHORUS "Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086
OPEN OUR EYES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:1-13

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Weak Yet Strong

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In response to God's enduring love and mighty works, let us give generously, knowing that our offerings support the ongoing work of His kingdom. May we contribute with grateful hearts, honoring God with our gifts as we continue to praise His holy name.

OFFERTORY

“Love Divine”

arr. Zundel

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

Heavenly Father, we dedicate these offerings to You in praise and gratitude. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom and glorify Your holy name. Amen.

HYMN

“When Our Confidence Is Shaken”

UMH505
GRAFTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Leader: In your mercy

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 – July 7, 2024

******CUMC** will have the Summer Month's Salad Luncheons after the worship service on **Sunday, July 14,** and on **Sunday, Aug. 4.**

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**.

Algonquin Birthday/Anniversary

July 3 – Emily Smith

July 12 – Marcia and Sam White 58th Anniv.

Central Birthdays

July 7 – Nancy Kirkpatrick

July 7 – Colleen Arbic

July 9 – Andrew Baker (10th)

July 11 – Grady Hartman (16th)

This Week

Wednesday's Bible Study and Choir/Bell practices will start again in early fall.

Save the Date

Sun., July 14: July Salad Luncheon

Sat., July 20: First United Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale from 9 AM – 1 PM at 555 Bingham Street.

Join us after the service for coffee, sweets, and fellowship.

*CLOSING

“We’ve a Story to Tell To The Nations”

UMH 569
MESSAGE

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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

arr. Messiter

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