



*Central and Algonquin United  
Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, August 11, 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 11, 2024  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
*CCLI License# 3999519*

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker/Tom Robinson

Liturgist: Ray Bell

**PRELUDE**

“Hanson Place”

arr. Lowry

**WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**Leader:** Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord.

**Congregation:** Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

**Leader:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**Congregation:** But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

**Leader:** I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word, I put my hope.

**Congregation:** I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**Leader:** Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

**Congregation:** He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Leader:** Let us worship the Lord who hears our cries and redeems us with His steadfast love.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384  
BEECHER

**PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \***

Gracious God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we gather, we seek Your presence among us. Out of the depths, we call to You,

trusting in Your mercy and forgiveness. Help us to speak truth, be kind-hearted, and forgive as You have forgiven us. Fill us with Your divine love, transforming our hearts and minds, so that we may reflect Your grace and compassion in all we do. Let our worship be a sweet offering to You. This we pray in Jesus' name, and all God's people said, Amen.

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

This morning's reading teaches us to put away falsehood, speak truthfully, and avoid sinful anger. We should work hard, share with others, and speak words that build up, not tear down. We must get rid of bitterness, rage, and malice, and be kind, compassionate, and forgiving, as God forgave us. We are called to imitate God, living in love just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      Ephesians 4:25-5:2

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

<sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

<sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**5** <sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

<sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

CHORUS

“Open Our Eyes”

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OPEN OUR EYES

SERMON

Imitate God’s Love

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we bring our gifts today, let us remember to live in love and truth, sharing generously with those in need. May our offerings reflect the kindness and compassion that Christ has shown us.

OFFERTORY

“Pilot”

arr. Gould

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 DEDICATION<sup>2</sup>

Heavenly Father, we dedicate these gifts to You, asking that they be used to build up Your church and support those in need. Help us to live out Your love and forgiveness in all we do. Bless these offerings as a fragrant sacrifice to You. Amen.

HYMN

“Take My Life”

UMH 399  
MESSIAH

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 11, 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.*

**Rally Day** and the **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be held on **Sunday, September 8th** for the children who are beginning school this year.

### Algonquin Birthday

August 17 – Madelyn Collia

### Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

August 12 – Julie Hill

August 13 – John Wilkinson

August 17 – Kara and Dave Lalonde (33rd)

### **Join us after the service for Coffee Hour!**

#### This Week

**Tuesday - Finance Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** in the church library

#### Save the Date

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

**Tues., 8/20 – Ad Board Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m.** in the church library

\*CLOSING HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577  
CWM RHONDDA

### 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

“Cwm Rhonnda”

arr. Smith

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