

PUT ON THE FULL  
**ARMOR OF GOD**



BELT  
OF  
TRUTH

BREAST PLATE  
OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

SHOES  
OF  
PEACE

SHIELD  
OF  
FAITH

HELMET  
OF  
SALVATION

SWORD  
OF  
SPIRIT

**EPHESIANS 6:10**

*Central and Algonquin United  
Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, August 25, 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 25, 2024  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
*CCLI License# 3999519*

Greeters/Ushers: Ray Bell/James Bankson

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins

PRELUDE "Improvisation" Livingston

INTROIT "Alleluia" Gatlin, arr. Bromert

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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**Leader:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

**Congregation:** My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart  
and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Leader:** Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for  
herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar,  
O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

**Congregation:** Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever  
praising you.

**Leader:** Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set  
on pilgrimage.

**Congregation:** As they pass through the dry valley, they make it a place of  
springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

**Leader:** They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God  
in Zion.

**Congregation:** Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

**Leader:** Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

**Congregation:** Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I  
would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents of the wicked.

**Leader:** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and

honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

**Congregation:** Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

**All Together:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ”

UMH 110

EIN' FESTE BURG

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Today's reading tells us to be strong in the Lord and to put on the "armor of God" to stand firm against evil. The armor includes truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. We must be ready to face spiritual challenges, knowing that our real struggle is not against people but against spiritual forces of evil. Paul also urges us to pray at all times, staying alert and praying for others.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Miller/Jackson, arr. Alsbury

SERMON

Standing Strong

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*May we share our offerings and gifts in a spirit of generosity and love.*

OFFERTORY

“Prayer”

Schumann, arr. Blake

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

OLD HUNDRETH

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>

*Gracious God, May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. Amen.*

HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

UMH 580  
LANCASHIRE

## 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 25, 2024

### CALLING ALL ADULT SINGERS

Central’s Choir will begin **Fall rehearsals** on **Wednesday, August 28 @ 7 p.m.** We are always looking for new members. Rehearsals happen in the 2nd floor choir room - use the Spruce St. door. **Join us for an enjoyable time.** For more information - contact Cathy Wilkinson @ 906-630-1777 **or wilkinsoncathy@ymail.com**.

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

Mark your calendars for the **return of Family Night** held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month** from **5:30 – 7 PM**. Dinner is served before the lesson. **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** is the first meeting of the season. Please make plans to join us.

The **Mission committee** is **starting a new mission project** focusing on the Sault. We are starting to **collect** new or clean lightly used **clothing for the local elementary schools** to hand out to children in need. The sizes range from children’s 5 through 16. Some needed items are socks, underwear,

leggings, jogging or sweatpants in black, blue, and gray, sweatshirts, and hoodies. The **box in the hall by the elevator** is the **collection site**. Contact Barb Carlisle for information.

### Algonquin Birthday

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Harwood      Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>– Janice Wilson  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Atkins      Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>– Mary Beth Vollick

### Central Birthday

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Kelley Bunker

### This Week

Wednesday - Choir rehearsal @ 7 p.m. in the CUMC choir room.

### Save the Date

**Mon., 9/2 – Labor Day** – The **office** will be **closed** in observance.  
**Tues., 9/3 – (AUMC)United Women In Faith Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ AUMC**  
**Sun., 9/8 – Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks** during service with a luncheon after the service  
**Wed., 9/18 – Family Night 5:30 PM – 7 PM** at CUMC. Dinner is served before the lesson.

\*CLOSING HYMN      “Standing on the Promises”      UMH 374  
PROMISES

### 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...*

BENEDICTION      “A Blessing”      Rodgers, arr. Williamson

POSTLUDE      “Jubilation”      Denton

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