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***Hebrews 4:16***

*Central and Algonquin United  
Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, October 13, 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  
October 13, 2024  
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost  
Homecoming/Bible Sunday  
*CCLI License# 3999519*

Greeters/Ushers:  
Liturgist: Terry Bush

PRELUDE "Bunessan" Smith

INTROIT "He Has Made Me Glad" L. Von Brethorst

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Leader:** Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**People:** Your commands make us wiser than our enemies, for they are always  
with us.

**Leader:** I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.

**People:** I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey Your precepts.

**Leader:** I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey Your word.

**People:** Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**Leader:** How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People:** Through Your precepts, we gain understanding; therefore, we hate every  
wrong path.

**Leader:** Your decrees are the joy of our hearts. We have sworn an oath and  
confirmed it, to follow Your righteous laws.

**People:** Even when we are afflicted, we do not turn from Your law; give us life, O  
Lord, according to Your word.

**Leader:** Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**People:** We love Your commands, O Lord, and they guide us in every step. Teach  
us to follow You faithfully, and let Your word shape our lives. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah "**

UMH 127  
CWM RHONDDA

**PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \***

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS - Bible Sunday

### INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

This morning's reading tells us that God's Word is powerful and sharp, able to reveal our thoughts and intentions. Nothing is hidden from God; He sees everything. But we are encouraged because we have a great high priest, Jesus, who understands our weaknesses. He faced the same temptations we do but did not sin. Because of this, we can approach God's throne with confidence, knowing that we will receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 4:12-16

- <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

#### **Jesus the Great High Priest**

- <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. P. Martin

SERMON Approach With Confidence

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we come to this time of offering, let us remember that every good and perfect gift comes from God. In gratitude for His abundant blessings, we give joyfully, trusting that our contributions will be used to further His work in the world.

OFFERTORY "In God I Put My Trust" Powell

## 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 DEDICATION<sup>2</sup>

Loving God, we offer these gifts as a response to Your boundless grace and generosity. Bless and multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, that they may bring hope, healing, and love to those in need. Use our offerings and our lives to reflect Your goodness and grace in the world. Amen.

## LITURGIST

## HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400  
NETTLETON

## 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 – October 13, 2024**

**Family Night** on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7 PM**. Dinner is served before the lesson.

On **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, following the church service, **Rebecca Circle** will hold their **Annual Pie Sale**. The members will be preparing many varieties of delicious pies, and they encourage you to come downstairs and purchase a pie. As always, the **proceeds will be used to provide gifts and groceries for families at Christmas and Easter**. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

**All Saints Day** is Sunday, **November 3**. If you **want a loved one's name remembered during the service**, email the information to Linda Bell at [lindabell@lighthouse.net](mailto:lindabell@lighthouse.net) or submit the name(s) to Kimberly in the church office **by Monday, October 28, 2024**.

The Women of Faith **Annual Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. The doors will be **open** for shoppers from **9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. We will once again be offering a **morning coffee from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM**, and our **Tea Luncheon**, with our famous sandwich loaves, will be held from **11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**. **Morning coffee** is being offered for a **free-will donation**, while the afternoon **tea luncheon** will be through a ticket purchase of **\$7.50**.

### **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** or Terri Bush at the church office, (906)632-8672.

### **Central Birthday/Anniversary**

Oct. 18 – Gary Horner  
Oct. 19 – Ben Jones  
Oct. 19 – Sarah Shadnaw

### **This Week**

**Wednesday – Family Night at CUMC from 5:30 PM – 7 PM.** Dinner is served before the lesson.  
– **Bell Choir rehearsal @ 6 PM** in the CUMC choir room.  
– **Choir rehearsal @ 7 PM** in the CUMC choir room.

### **Save the Date**

**Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Rebecca Circle's Annual Pie Sale** will be **held in the Fellowship Hall** after the service.  
**Sun., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Sunday - "Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given"**  
– **Annual Church Conference @12:30 PM**, preceded by **SPRC at noon**  
**Sun., Nov. 3 – All Saints Day**  
**Sun., Nov. 9 – Annual Christmas Bazaar – 9:20 AM – 2 PM**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH 133  
SHOWALTER

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...*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“As We Go”

J. Johnson/D. Shipp

POSTLUDE

“Arise Toward the Light”

Birchwood

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