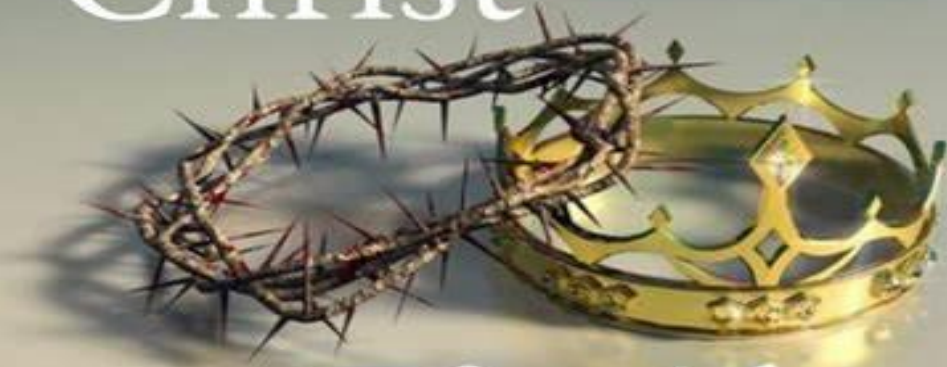


Christ



The King

*Central and Algonquin United
Methodist Churches*

Sunday, November 24, 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
November 24, 2024
Liturgical Colors: White
Christ the King Sunday
CCLI License# 3999519

Ushers/Greeters: Tom Brown / Kelley Bunker

Liturgist: John Wilkinson

PRELUDE "Duke Street" Arr. Ritter

CHORAL INTROIT "Give Thanks" H. Smith/ Arr. K. Baker

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

Leader: Lord, remember David and his steadfast heart,
how he swore to honor You, seeking a place for Your presence.

People: We seek Your presence among us, O God.
Help us prepare a dwelling place for You in our hearts and lives.

Leader: David said, "I will not rest until I find a place for the Lord,
a home for the Mighty One of Jacob."

People: Lord, dwell among us; may our lives be a place where Your Spirit abides.

Leader: We have heard of Your promises, O God,
and we have seen Your faithfulness from generation to generation.

People: You made a promise to David and kept it.
You promised to be with us, and You are faithful still.

Leader: If we keep Your covenant, if we honor Your teachings,
we trust that You will guide us and fill us with Your presence.

People: We remember Your promises, Lord,
and we place our hope in Your everlasting love.

Leader: You have chosen to be with Your people, wherever we gather.
You long to dwell among us and make us holy.

*PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

In this morning’s reading, Jesus is brought before Pilate, the Roman governor, who asks if He is the king of the Jews. Jesus replies by saying that His kingdom is not of this world; if it were, His followers would be fighting to protect Him. Jesus explains that He came to show the truth about God, and everyone who loves the truth listens to Him. Pilate, confused, asks, "What is truth?" but doesn't understand what Jesus means about His heavenly kingdom.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

CHOIRUS ANTHEM

“The Lord Of Harvest”

Arr. A. Lovelace

SERMON

Finding Truth in Confusion

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we honor Christ as our true King, let us bring our gifts as an expression of our devotion and gratitude. May our offerings today reflect our trust in His kingdom, which is not of this world but brings hope, peace, and purpose to our lives.

OFFERTORY

" Lord Of Rest"

Arr. Martin

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

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts to You, acknowledging Jesus as our King and Savior. Use what we offer today to further Your kingdom of love, justice, and peace in the world. May our lives and these offerings honor You, bearing witness to Your truth and light. Amen.

HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH 203
ELLACOMBE

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 – November 24, 2024

A blessed Thanksgiving To All! “ Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.” Psalm 103:2

Dec. 1st is the Last Day to Place Your Christmas Eve Poinsettia Orders!

We will be excepting cash donations as you are leaving the sanctuary at either door. We will use this to help purchase things most needed for our local elementary schools. We are also collecting clothing articles like socks, pants, sweatshirts, winter jackets, warm mittens, hats and boots. All children's sizes 6- 14. If it is easier to purchase a Walmart or Meijer gift card they can be left in the offering plate and we will use those for purchases. The schools have asked for head lice treatment kits, any brand. There are plastic tubs by the upper elevator to place donations. THANK YOU for the wonderful response you are giving to this project. Any questions please contact Barb Carlisle.

Sun., Dec. 1st – is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent traditionally means “arrival” or “Coming” especially of something having great importance. We Now begin to look forward to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have a soup Luncheon after morning worship services.

Sun., Dec. 1 – Join us for Central’s "Hanging of the Greens" after morning services! We'll be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent season, with tasks like trimming the tree, hanging boughs, assembling the creche, and putting up lights. No experience is required—just come ready to help and share in the holiday spirit!

Central Birthday/Anniversary

Dec 1st – Earl Tomlinson Dec 8th – Karen Aikens

This Week

Sun., Dec.1st – Central’s “Hanging of the Greens” & We will have a soup Luncheon after morning worship services.

Save the Date

Sun., Dec 8th -Holiday Brass Concert @ 3 p.m.- 5 p.m. by the SteelTown Silver Band Directed by Dr. John Wilkinson - Admission by donation

Sun., Dec. 15th – The Children’s Christmas program will be during worship service.

Tues., Dec 24th – Christmas Eve service, 7:00 p.m.

*CLOSING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH 580
LANCASHIRE
CHORAL BENEDICTION “In The Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” J. Berthier

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 “Lancashire” Arr. Smart

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Adult Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM
led by Ray and Diane Bell - ALL are welcome.