



*The Fulfillment*

*Today this scripture is fulfilled in  
your hearing.*

*Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, January 26, 2025*

Mission Statement:

**Connecting all people to God by building bridges  
of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

# *With Pastor Marty Johnston*

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

January 26, 2025, CUMC - 10:30 a.m.

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\*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Greeters/Ushers: Barb Carlisle/ Kris Donarski

Liturgist: Jim Wilkinson

**PRELUDE** "He Leadth Me" arr. Broughton

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Spirit of God" S. Garnaas-Holmes

## **WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**Leader:** The heavens tell the story of God's greatness, and the skies show His creativity every day.

**People:** Day after day, they pour out beauty; night after night, they share their wonder.

**Leader:** Without words or speech, their message is clear for all to see.

**People:** The sun rises with joy, like a runner eager to race, spreading warmth and light to the whole earth.

**Leader:** God's ways guide us, reviving our spirits and giving us wisdom.

**People:** His teachings are perfect, bringing joy to our hearts and light to our paths.

**Leader:** May the words we speak and the thoughts in our hearts bring You honor, O God.

People: Lord, You are our strength and our Redeemer.

\*OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH 152  
FOREST GREEN

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM "Spirit of God" arr. C. Strommen

SERMON Strength For the Struggling

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor, freedom for the captives, and healing for the brokenhearted. Through our giving, we join in this mission, offering what we have so God's love can transform lives and bring hope to the struggling.

OFFERTORY "Rock of Ages" arr. Paxton

\*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>

God of abundance, we dedicate these gifts to Your work of renewal and hope. Use them to bring light to dark places and strength to those in need, that Your name may be glorified in all we do. Amen.

\*HYMN "O How I Love Jesus"

UMH 170  
O HOW I LOVE JESUS

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

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Go Forth for God”

UMH 670  
GENEVA

## 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 “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

J. Strathdee

## POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Hughes

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrack

Ushers/Greeters: Barb Carlisle/ Kris Donarski

Family Ministry Coordinator: Vacant

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Jim Wilkinson

Administrative Asst.: Kimberly Clark

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*1. Inspired by Psalm 19

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

\*\*2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 26, 2025

The elementary school project has been very successful. The schools are good right now on clothing. The big need now is food and snacks. If you want to pick up a few things, they can be left in the tubs, both upstairs, outside the elevator, or the tub in the Fellowship Hall. They need things like easy mac and cheese bowls, ramen noodles, pop tarts, oatmeal packs, granola bars, fruit cups, cracker packs, canned vegetables and soups. Also much needed are head lice kits, any brand. If it is easier to purchase a gift card at Meijers or Walmart, they can be placed in the offering plates or left at the church office. We will then use them to purchase things needed. Thank you for your wonderful support on this project. The schools very much appreciate it. For any questions, contact Barb Carlisle.

**Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Centrals Monthly Soup Luncheon after service. Join us for a great time of good food and Fellowship. If you are able to bring soup or a dessert, please feel free. Help is always appreciated in the kitchen too.

## **Central Birthdays**

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jim Bankson - Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Joan Shadnaw  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Doug Kirkpatrick – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Linda Bell  
Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Jerry Bell

## **Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Corrine Meicher

## **This Week**

**Wed., Jan 29<sup>th</sup>** - Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m., Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. @ CUMC.

## **Save the Date**

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*Join us for Bible Study, led by Raymond Bell, every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the CUMC lounge.*

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