



*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

February 16, 2025, CUMC - 10:30 a.m.

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

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Greeters/Ushers: Barb Carlisle / Kris Donarski

Liturgist: Jerry Bell

PRELUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Hegarty

CHORAL INTROIT

"Marching to Zion"

Watts/ Lowry

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

Leader: Blessed are those who do not follow the path of those who choose wrongdoing.

People: We seek to delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on His word day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season.

People: In God's presence, we are rooted, nourished, and made strong.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: And in Him, we find joy, purpose, and life everlasting!

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Worship the King" (Vs 1-4)

UMH 73
LYONS

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Who Was the Man"

K.K. Davis

SERMON

When Winning Feels Like Losing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

True blessing isn't found in wealth or status, but in trusting God. As we give today, may we do so with grateful hearts, investing in His kingdom and reflecting His generosity.

OFFERTORY

“A Haven of Rest”

Ritter

*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

Generous God, All we have comes from You. Bless these gifts and use them to bring hope, healing, and light to a world in need. May our giving reflect our trust in You, and may our lives bear witness to Your abundant grace. **Amen.**

*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH 430
MARYTON

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

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

UMH 730
ST. MICHAEL

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

“Amen”

P.C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

“Unity and Brotherhood”

Chesterton

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Barb Carlisle / Kris Donarski

Family Ministry Coordinator: Vacant

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Jerry Bell

Administrative Asst.: Kimberly Clark

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

*1. Inspired by Psalm 1

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 16, 2025

Membership class meets in the Lounge following the service.

The elementary school project is still collecting food and snacks. Donations can be dropped off in the tubs outside the elevator upstairs or in the Fellowship Hall. Needed items include easy mac and cheese bowls, ramen noodles, Pop Tarts, oatmeal packs, granola bars, fruit cups, cracker packs, canned vegetables, and soups. Head lice kits (any brand) are also in high demand. If it's easier, gift cards to Meijer or Walmart can be placed in the offering plates or left at the church office. Thank you for your continued support! For questions, contact Barb Carlisle.

Mon., Feb. 17th – Join us for the Rebecca Circle Meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, featuring a presentation by Bernie Arbic, a representative from the Chippewa County Historical Society. We are hopeful to be participants in an art fundraising project focused on preserving the stunning stained-glass windows from the former Roman Catholic Nativity Church. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

In Celebration of St. Valentine's Day, everyone is welcome to take a sweet treat after the service.

Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

Feb. 17th – Tom Harris

Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

This Week

Mon., Feb. 17th – Rebecca Circle Meeting at CUMC Fellowship Hall @ 1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 18th - Ad Board Committee Meeting at CUMC Library @ 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 19th - Family Night at CUMC Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 – 7 PM. Dinner is served before the lesson.

Save the Date

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

Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:
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