

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Luke 6:27-36



*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, February 23, 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 23, 2025, CUMC - 10:30 a.m.

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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Greeters/Ushers: Ray Bell / James Bankson

Liturgist: Sherri Hutchens

PRELUDE

“Detroit”

Cassler

CHORAL INTROIT

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. C. Kocher

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, setting aside our worries and fears.

People: We trust in the Lord, for He is our strength and refuge.

Leader: Do not be troubled by the success of others or by the challenges of life.

People: We commit our way to the Lord, knowing He will guide our steps.

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

People: We will find our peace in God's faithfulness and love.

Leader: The Lord upholds the righteous and delivers those who take refuge in Him.

People: Our salvation, our hope, our future—all are in the hands of our God!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with trust and joy!

People: We rejoice in His goodness and praise His holy name!

*OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH 127
RHONDDA

PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Joseph and the Coat”

Vedder / Waldrop

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-38

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Breaking the Cycle

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jesus calls us to give, love, and show mercy—not just when it’s easy, but as a reflection of God’s generosity. When we give, we break the cycle of fear and self-focus, trusting that God provides abundantly. Let us give with joy and faith, knowing that in God’s kingdom, blessings overflow.

OFFERTORY

“Choral Song”

Southbridge

*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 DEDICATION²

Gracious God, All we have is a gift from You. As we give, use these offerings to bring hope, break cycles of need, and reflect Your love. Bless both the gifts and the givers. **Amen.**

*HYMN

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

UMH 390
DETROIT

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

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

UMH 431
WORLD PEACE

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

“Recessional”

Nordman

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell / James Bankson

Family Ministry Coordinator: Vacant

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*1. Inspired by Psalm 37

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

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Liturgist: Sherri Hutchens

Administrative Asst.: Kimberly Clark

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

**2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 23, 2025

Membership class meets in the Lounge following the service.

Sun., Mar. 2nd – 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.



Daylight Savings Time starts March 9th. Don't Forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Central Birthdays / Anniversaries

Feb. 24th – Kim Harris

Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

Feb. 28th- Sam White

This Week

Wed., Feb. 26th - Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m., Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. @ CUMC.

Save the Date

Weds., Mar. 5th Ash Wednesday Service at AUMC @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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