



*Central and Algonquin United  
Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, May 31, 2026*

*With Pastor Marty Johnston*

Mission Statement:

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

Central United Methodist  
Pastor Marty Johnston  
May 31, 2026  
Liturgical Colors: White  
Trinity Sunday  
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PRELUDE

“Melodie”

Livingston

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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**\*Call to Worship:** (Inspired by Psalm 8)

**Leader:** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

**People:** Your glory is seen in the heavens, in the work of Your hands,  
and in the wonder of creation.

**Leader:** When we look at the sky, the moon and the stars, the  
vastness of all You have made,

**People:** we are amazed that You remember us, care for us, and call us  
Your own.

**Leader:** You have crowned humanity with honor and entrusted us  
with the care of Your world.

**People:** Teach us to live with humility, gratitude, and love.

**Leader:** Today we worship the God who creates, redeems, and  
sustains—

**People:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: one God, holy and glorious forever.

**Leader:** O Lord, our Lord,

**People:** how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

DIX

\*PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER \*

Holy and majestic God, Your name fills the earth with wonder, and Your love meets us right where we are.

As we gather in worship today, lift our eyes beyond ourselves. Help us see Your glory in creation, Your grace in Jesus Christ, and Your presence through the Holy Spirit.

Tune our hearts to praise, open our minds to truth, and strengthen us to live as people who bear Your image with humility, joy, and love.

We worship You now—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING:

Have you ever been given instructions at the exact moment you did not feel ready?

Maybe someone handed you the keys and said, “You’re in charge now.” Or someone showed you how to do something once, and then stepped back as if to say, “All right, now you try.” There is a strange

mix in that moment — excitement, uncertainty, responsibility, and maybe a quiet little voice inside that says, “Are you sure you meant me?”

That is not far from where the disciples are in today’s Gospel reading.

They meet the risen Jesus on a mountain in Galilee. Some worship Him. Matthew also tells us that some doubted. That detail matters. Jesus does not wait until every disciple feels perfectly confident. He does not wait until all their questions are settled. He comes to them as they are — worshiping, wondering, believing, and still struggling — and He gives them a mission.

On Trinity Sunday, we hear Jesus send His followers out in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. But before we hear this as a command to go do something for God, we should hear it as a promise: the God who sends us also goes with us.

Listen now for the Word of the Lord from Matthew 28:16–20.

### SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28: 16-20

**16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. **17** When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

“O God, Our Help in ages Past

UMH 117  
ST. ANNE

SERMON

Sent Away

*Big Idea: Jesus does not wait for perfect faith before giving His people a holy mission.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As people sent by Christ and sustained by His presence, let us offer our gifts with gratitude, trust, and joy.

OFFERTORY

“Pleading Savior”

arr. Paxton

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95  
OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them to share Your love, strengthen Your Church, and make disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Send us with generous hearts, faithful lives, and confidence that Christ is with us always. Amen.

HYMN

“Christ for the World We Sing” (v 1,4)

UMH 568  
ITALIAN HYMN

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

**Leader:** Lord, in your Mercy

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Pastor:**

Trusting in the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us, and in Christ who sends us with the promise, “I am with you always,” let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

### **For the Church**

Holy God, strengthen Your Church to worship faithfully and witness boldly. Even when our faith feels mixed with questions or doubt, send us anyway — with humility, courage, and love.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

### **For the World**

God of all nations, bring peace where there is war, especially in Europe and the Middle East. Protect the vulnerable, comfort the grieving, guide leaders in wisdom, and strengthen all who work for justice, mercy, and peace.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

### **For Our Nation and Communities**

God of truth, heal the divisions in our nation and communities. Give us patience in disagreement, humility in conversation, and courage to seek what is good for our neighbors.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## **For Creation**

Creator God, we thank You for the majesty of Your world: for the heavens above us, the earth beneath us, and the signs of life all around us. Teach us to receive creation with wonder and care for it with grateful hearts.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## **For Those Who Are Hurting**

Compassionate Savior, draw near to those who are sick, grieving, anxious, lonely, or weary. Remind them that they are not forgotten, not alone, and never beyond the reach of Your love.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## **For This Congregation and Community**

Living Christ, bless this congregation and our wider community. Help us make disciples not only with our words, but with lives shaped by grace, mercy, service, and hope.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## **Pastor:**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit. And now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught us:

## **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.**

<b>NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE</b>
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### ***Mercy in the Mess***

*Next week, we will see how Jesus enters the broken places of life with mercy, healing, and hope, calling us to respond to others with compassion instead of judgment. Join us as we learn to love the way Christ loves.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 31, 2026**

**The Women of the Presbyterian Church** have once again invited the women of our church to their "**Celebrate Summer**" luncheon on **Tues., Jun. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM** at the First Presbyterian Church. The speakers will be from Community Action. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Margaret Eagle at 906-399-1743 or email to: eaglemp71@gmail.com or contact the church office at 906-633-7771. We hope you can join us for this special time of fellowship and celebration.

### **Join us on an Unforgettable Adventure!**

Central & Algonquin United Methodist Churches, Faith Lutheran and United Presbyterian invite kids (ages 3 years to 11 years) to an exciting *Vacation Bible School* adventure, **Rainforest Falls; Exploring the Nature of God** Will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on June 29–July 2nd, 9AM–Noon (community welcome at no cost)

### **Save the Date**

**Sun., Jun 14<sup>th</sup>** – Flag Day

**Sun., Jun 14<sup>th</sup>** – Father's Day

**Tues., Jun 16<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate Summer Luncheon from Noon to 2:00 PM @ First Presbyterian Church.

**Mon., Jun 29<sup>th</sup>** through **Thurs., July 2<sup>nd</sup>** -9:00 AM until Noon.

**Vacation Bible School** – To be held at First United Presbyterian Church (see above)

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

**Central's Missions** : is still collecting shelf stable foods plus other items for elementary schools and personal hygiene items for the **Mission/Outreach** program. The lists are located upstairs and you may drop off your items in their appointed boxes or if you wish to purchase a gift card, please pass that to either Kathy (in office), or Diane Bell....thank you.

### **Central Birthday/Anniversary**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Marli Moran (6 yrs old)

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Art Smart

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Melissa & Tony McLain

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Linda & Jerry Bell (62<sup>nd</sup> )



Nursery is available for infants through age 3 during worship with Mallory Baier. The nursery is located downstairs, and ushers will be happy to assist you.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Here I am, Lord”

UMH 593  
HERE I AM, LORD

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“ Dix”

Rasley