



*Central and Algonquin United
Methodist Churches*

Sunday, June 14, 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
June 14, 2026
Liturgical Colors: Green
Third Sunday after Pentecost
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Ushers/Greeters: Barb Carlisle, Kris Donarski
Liturgist: Marcie Gleason

PRELUDE "A Safe Haven" Stairs

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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***Call to Worship:** (Inspired by Psalm 116)

Leader: We gather today with many prayers in our hearts.

People: Some prayers are full of gratitude; some are still waiting for an answer.

Leader: The psalmist says, "I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice."

People: So we come remembering the times God has heard us, and trusting God with the prayers still unfinished.

Leader: In joy and in sorrow, in confidence and in questions, God invites us to call upon His name.

People: We bring our praise, our burdens, our doubts, and our thanks.

Leader: How can we thank the Lord for all His goodness to us?

People: We will offer what we can today: our worship, our honesty, and our hope.

Leader: The Lord receives the grateful, the weary, the confident, and the waiting.

People: So we come as servants of the Lord, held by mercy and invited into peace.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who hears His people — even when we are still waiting to hear His answer.

People: Praise the Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMNS “To God be the Glory / My Tribute” UMH 98&99
TO GLORY BE THE GOD/MY TRIBUTE

***PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER ***

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with grateful hearts.

You have heard our prayers, carried us through hard places,
and met us with mercy more times than we can count.

Some of us come today rejoicing. Some of us come still waiting.
Some of us come simply needing to be reminded that Your love is
steadfast and Your faithfulness endures.

So meet us here, Lord. Lift our eyes. Open our hearts.
Receive our worship. And help us sing, pray, listen, and live
as people who know we belong to You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.
Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING:

Most of us know what it feels like to have something to prove.

We want to prove we are capable, responsible, faithful, strong, and enough.

And sometimes that pressure follows us into our relationship with God.

We wonder, even quietly:

Have I prayed enough?

Trusted enough?

Done enough?

Been good enough?

But Romans 5 gives us a different starting place.

Paul does not begin with what we have proven to God.

He begins with what God has already given us through Jesus Christ:

Peace. ~ Grace. ~ Hope. ~ Love.

Before we were strong, Christ loved us.

Before we had it all together, God made the first move.

So as we listen today, hear this good news:

We do not prove our way into God's love. In Christ, we learn to live from it.

Hear now these words from Romans 5:1–8

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5: 1-8

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by

faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

“Amazing Grace” (v1-4)

UMH 378
AMAZING GRACE

SERMON

Peace Before Proof

Big Idea: *We do not earn peace with God by proving ourselves; we receive peace through Christ and learn to live from it.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Because God’s love has been freely poured into our lives, we now offer our gifts with gratitude, trust, and joy.

OFFERTORY

“Morning Prayer”

arr. Price

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 as signs of our thanks for the grace in which we stand. Use them to share Your love, strengthen Your church, and bring hope to the world You so deeply love. Amen.

HYMN

“My Hope Is Built” (v1,2)

UMH 368
THE SOLID ROCK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Leader: Lord, in your Mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting in Jesus Christ, who gives us peace before we can prove ourselves worthy, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

For the Church

Gracious God, help Your Church stand firmly in grace. Free us from pride, fear, and performance, and teach us to offer the same mercy we have received.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the World

God of peace, draw near to places torn by violence, fear, and suffering. We pray especially for peace in Europe and in the Middle East; give wisdom to leaders, protection to the vulnerable, and courage to all who work for justice and peace.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Our Nation

God of truth and compassion, heal what is divided among us. Help us listen before we judge, seek what is good, and remember that every person bears Your image.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Creation

Creator God, the earth is full of Your glory and care. Teach us to receive creation with gratitude, protect it with wisdom, and live gently upon the world You love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Our Community and Congregation

Living Christ, strengthen this congregation and our wider community. Help us welcome the weary, notice the overlooked, and become a people where grace is more than a word.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Those in Need

Compassionate Savior, draw near to those who are sick, grieving, anxious, lonely, or worn down. Pour Your love into their hearts, and give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor:

Into Your hands, O Lord, we place all for whom we pray, trusting not in our goodness, but in Your great mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

It's Complicated

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Following Jesus is not always simple. He brings peace, but not the kind that comes from avoiding difficult truths or keeping everyone comfortable. Sometimes faithfulness can make life more complicated, yet Jesus reminds us not to be afraid. We are seen, known, and held securely in God's care. Join us next week as we explore how to follow Christ with courage and confidence, trusting His presence in every circumstance, as we study Matthew 10: 24-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 14, 2026

Visit Our New Website @ soomethodists.org

The Women of the Presbyterian Church have once again invited the women of our church to their "**Celebrate Summer**" luncheon on **Tues., Jun. 16th, 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)

Central's Missions : is still collecting misc. items for the homeless bags being put together by the **Mission/Outreach** program. The basket is located upstairs and you may drop off your items inside the basket outside office door (list of items needed are in basket) or if you wish to purchase a gift card, please pass that to either Kathy (in office), or Diane Bell....thank you.

Save the Date

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

Sun., Jun 21st – Father's Day

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

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

Central Birthday/Anniversary

June 11th – Hollis Taylor **June 14th** – Sharon Jones
June 16th – Cathy Wilkinson **June 17th** – Tina Johnston

June 20th – Sharon & Ben Jones (67th)

June 21st – Sue & Tom Brown (51st)

June 21st – Marge & Chan Huff (57th)

June 22nd – Hazel & Hollis Taylor (68th)

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



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**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

**UMH 377
VILLE DU HAVRE**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lancashire”

arr. Smart