



Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches

Sunday, June 28, 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 28, 2026
Liturgical Colors: Green
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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Ushers/Greeters: Ray Bell, James Bankson
Liturgist: Robin Myers

PRELUDE “He Leadeth Me” Ashford

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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***Call to Worship:** (Inspired by Psalm 13)

Leader: Sometimes we come to worship with questions.

People: How long, O Lord? How long will this last?

Leader: Sometimes we come carrying worry, grief, frustration, or fear.

People: How long, O Lord? How long will our hearts feel heavy?

Leader: But even here, even now, we turn toward God.

People: We trust in God’s unfailing love.

Leader: God has heard our cries before, and God will meet us again today.

People: So we will sing to the Lord, who has been good to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

People: With honest hearts and hopeful voices, let us worship

*OPENING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH 66
LAUDA ANIMA

***PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER ***

God of mercy and life, we gather for worship because you are worthy of our praise.

Quiet the noise within us. Open our ears to your Word and our hearts to your grace. Shape us into people who trust your goodness, follow your Son, and carry your love into the world.

Receive our praise and renew our faith. In Jesus ’name we pray.
Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING:

Have you ever walked into a place and known almost immediately whether you were welcome?

Sometimes someone smiles, notices you, makes room, or says, “We’re glad you came.” Other times, no one is rude exactly, but no one really sees you either. You are present, but not quite received.

In today’s reading, Jesus says, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

That is a surprisingly big claim. Jesus takes something as ordinary as welcome and says, “Pay attention. More is happening here than you realize.”

Welcome is not just good manners. It is not just being friendly. According to Jesus, the way we receive one another can become one of the ways we receive Christ himself.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10: 40-42

He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. **41** He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. **42** And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

“Christ for the World We Sing”

UMH 568
ITALIAN HYMN

SERMON

When Welcome Becomes Worship

Big Idea: *Receiving others with grace is one way we honor the God who first received us.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we offer our gifts, we remember that even the smallest acts of generosity can become signs of Christ's welcome and love.

OFFERTORY

"Poco Lento"

Franck

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 extend your welcome, mercy, and care through the ministry of this church. Shape us into people who not only give from our hands, but offer our lives in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH 496
SWEET HOUR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

Leader: Lord, in your Mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, who welcomes us with grace and sends us to welcome others in Christ's name, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

For the Church

Gracious God, strengthen Your Church to be a living sign of Your welcome. Teach us to receive one another with humility, kindness, and love, so that through our words and actions others may glimpse the grace of Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the World

Merciful God, we pray for the nations of the world, for leaders and communities, and for all places marked by violence, division, poverty, and fear. Open the way toward justice and peace, and help us honor the dignity of every person created in Your image.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Those Who Feel Unseen or Unwelcome

Loving God, we pray for those who feel forgotten, overlooked, rejected, or alone. Surround them with signs of Your care, and make us attentive to the people around us who need kindness, friendship, encouragement, or a simple cup of cold water offered in love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Those Who Serve in Quiet Ways

God of grace, we give thanks for those whose faithfulness often goes unnoticed: caregivers, volunteers, neighbors, teachers, public servants, and all who offer mercy in small and steady ways. Remind us that no act of love done in Christ's name is ever wasted.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Sick, Grieving, and Struggling

Healing God, we pray for those who are sick, recovering, lonely, grieving, anxious, or facing uncertain days. Surround them with Your presence, provide what they need, and make us faithful in prayer, compassion, and care.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O God, we place our prayers, our hopes, our burdens, and our lives, trusting in Jesus Christ, who welcomes us with mercy and teaches 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.

Impossible to Please

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Join us next week as we explore Jesus' warning about becoming impossible to please—quick to criticize, yet unwilling to receive. Discover how an open heart can lead to deeper faith, joy, and transformation, as we study Matthew 11: 16-19,25-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 28, 2026



Everyone have a Fun and Safe 4th of July

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

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)

July 19th – Camp Michigamme representative's will be at CUMC to give a presentation/update

Central Birthday/Anniversary

June 27th – Emily Baker
June 28th – Melissa McLain

June 28th – Arla McDowell
June 29th – Gayle Johnson

June 29th – Lisa & Bob Vincent (12th)



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

“Pass It On”

UMH 572
PASS IT ON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hymn of Praise”

Denton