

Order of worship

January 7, 2017

EPIPHANY

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - Please enter sanctuary is quite meditation.
Be merciful to those who doubt, snatch others from the fire and save them! To others who live in fear; show mercy! Jude 22

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Joe DeGrande

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, the promise of the Messiah has come! We are blessed to receive and be fulfilled in your wonderful gift.

People: Great prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah prophesied about his coming early in history. They began the hope of a better and peaceful world through God's love and majesty.

Leader: Great signs and wonders attended the humble birth: angels sang, shepherds feared and the wise men came to worship the baby born in poverty.

People: Let us sing and find joy in life with Christ. Open our hearts that we may believe! The wonders and gifts of our lives are evidence that God has fulfilled his promise to us all.

***OPENING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

UMH # 220

INVOCATION

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Leader: O Lord, come to us this day, as celebrate the birth of your Son and begin to find ways to live in your Presence.

People: Help us to realize that you, Lord have given us the path of unconditional love; to teach us and guide us in this imperfect and changing world.

Leader: Open us to hear and see your story, and to realize in your realm we are so, so welcome.

People: Grant us your grace that we may have the confidence to see our wrongs, to be clear about our behavior and find ways to seek forgiveness for the things we have done and the things that has been done to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Forgive us, O Lord, when we remember what we should forget and we forget what should remember. Keep us from regretting the battles we should have won or the

battles we have lost ungracefully. When we wrestle with our anger and fear, help us to confess when we are wrong. When our passions turned to greed or overbearing control, help us to pray to rediscover our faith. So that we can make amends.! Help us to never quit and fall into apathy! May we be ever mindful to follow our Lord in the difficult and challenging situations. Help us to come to the Communion table with open hearts, willing to be humble, seeking grace and dignity the passion of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who in your mercy, we are promised forgiveness. Help us to accept your love so that we might change. Strengthen us, that we will follow your Will. Through the love and blessing of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE

Psalter Reading: Psalm 29 (Hymn Book Page 761)

Dot Lambert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer

***Response "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

Scripture Reading: First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (chair Bible pg 690)

Dot Lambert

***HYMN OF PREPARATION: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

UMH # 254

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (chair NT Bible pg)}

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Sermon: 'The Gift of the Magi'

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Ministry of Giving

***Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Thanksgiving and Communion

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

***PARTING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH # 577

(please be seated after singing of this hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Once we were in darkness, but through the grace of God we have been given the Light of the World to guide us.

People: **By your grace, O Lord, help us to maintain our cool in this world and find ways to reach out to others, so that they may believe in God's eternal love. AMEN**

POSTLUDE

****indicated to stand if able*

Weekly dates to Remember

Week of January 7th.

Wednesday, January 8th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1pm

Thursday, January 11th - Card Making with Kathy Mantler - 9am

Future January Meeting / Events

Sunday, January 14th - 1st Birthday Party for Harlee - 11:30am

Monday, January 15th - Cot Shelter Meal

Wednesday, January 17th - Finance / Trustee Mtg. - 6:30pm

Sunday, January 28th - Receiving New Members

Wednesday, January 31st - Church Council Mtg. - 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upper Rooms are available (Table of Opportunity)

Altar Flower Calendar for 2018 is on bulletin board in foyer.
Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God!

2018 Annual Giving Card inserted with this morning bulletin. Please complete and return by Sunday, January 28th by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to church: POB 701, Northampton, MA 01061

Sunday, January 14th following the church service the Phillips family would like all members and friends join them in Fellowship Hall for Harlee's first birthday party. No gifts please. If you wish you may bring a package of any size diapers that will be given to families in need.

Sunday, January 28th - Rev. Hurst will be receiving, during the service, anyone wishing to become a member of CUMC. Please let him know if you are wish to join. (c) 1-413-426-6031 or email: dfhurst@verizon.net

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, January 7, 2018
Worship Service 10:00am



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor

Music Director, Pam Kukucka

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will through spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship. We express our faith through others."
We welcome all to join us in this journey.*