

Order of worship

January 14, 2018

"Martin Luther King Sunday"

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - *Please enter the sanctuary in silent meditation*

"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."
Proverbs 24:14

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Joyce Monska

Stewardship Message

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O dear Lord, as we gather in this place, where Christ is born again within us, lead us to become disciples of faith.

People: Open our hearts as we pray and sing with joy. Embolden us to serve God and build our lives with the compassion of Christ's unconditional love first and foremost in our minds.

Leader: Keep us in faith, build us in the Spirit, as we enter the New Year, hopeful and expecting the miracles of God to happen to us.

People: Let our love and compassion be reflected in those that we love and in the stranger that may come to our doors.

***OPENING HYMN

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

UMH # 158

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: O, wondrous and unwearied God, breathe deeply into us so that we are energized in our time of worship.

People: O Lord, We come to you breathless and weary from the challenges of life. Our energy is drained, our faith, questioned, our attention, split, our love, glazed, and our goals and desires, blurred.

Leader: Still O God we come. We draw near to your infinite love. We find peace in our church. We find hope in your service.

People: Thank you, O Lord, for your insistent yearning to love us, to open our hearts to worship and to show us the Light in the Spirit of Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

O Eternal God our memories are short! Open our hearts so that we hear your encouragement, feel your love and accept your grace. Help us not to be so hard of heart, that we reject what is really good for us. Keep us aware; so that through our fears we do not lose sight of your holy presence in our daily lives. Forgive us, for our outward obedience and our inner resistance. Give us the courage and strength to love beyond our words. Grant us the ability to be a part of the solution, rather the problem. Let your Wisdom clear our way and your peace ease our moments of insecurity. Let your love heal

our troubled minds and your joy inspire us to hope in things to come. Hear our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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 139 Red Hymn Book pg. 854

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

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 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (chair Bible OT pg. 244)

Nancy Harding

***Hymn of Preparation: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

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Second Lesson John 1:43-51 (chair Bible NT pg. 92)

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Sermon "Called to Be a Disciple"

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Ministry of Giving "Once You Have Seen the Child"

CUMC Choir

***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

***PARTING HYMN: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

UMH # 251

BENEDICTION

Leader: O God, Giver of life and author of salvation, bring us together as a church.

People: With your grace; transform us into friends in Christ. Awaken us to be your disciples. Send us forth baring witness to your love and understanding.

POSTLUDE

****indicated to stand if able*

This Weeks dates to remember:

Today, Sunday, January 14th - Monthly Birthday Celebration - 11:15am

Today, Sunday, January 14th - Bible Study - Pastor's Office - 11:30am

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

Next Weeks dates to remember:

Monday, January 15th - Cot Shelter Meal

Wednesday, January 17th - Finance Meeting - 6:15pm

Sunday, January 28th - Receiving new Members

Wednesday, January 31st - Church Council Mtg. - 6:15pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Altar Flowers - sign up on calendar flower chart located on bulletin board in foyer.

Celebrating January Birthdays during Hospitality Time following today's service: Happy Birthday to Nancy Uhl, Caitlin Oelrich, Kelly Camp and Harlee Phillips!!

2018 Annual Giving - Blank Giving cards are located on the Usher's Table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to complete the card for this year if you wish to give. Your contribution is a charity tax-deductible item.

COT SHELTER - January 15th - Menu list is located on library table, please be sure to sign up after today's service if you can assist with preparing and/or serving the meal.

Rev. David has set aside time during the January 28th worship service to receive those which to become a member of CUMC. Please let Pam or Rev. David know if you are interested.

Chet Seklecki, Tammy Phillips and BillieSue Kelly - please be sure to sign a "Hope You Are Feeling Better card" during Hospitality time following the worship service today. Cards are located on the library table.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Worship Service 10:00am



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Music Director, Pam Kukucka

MISSION STATEMENT:

"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.