

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020 10:00am**  
*\*\*\*indicates to stand if able*

**MORNING MEDITATION**

I heard a voice from the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, "Here I am send me!"  
Isaiah 6:8

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Nancy Harding**

*Leader:* O God, you are with us every step of the way! Through all our journeys, through our trials and tribulations; You, dear Lord are the Comforter and Redeemer of life.

**People: May we come into your presence this morning as believers in the message of Christ. That is; to try to live each day with faith, honesty and a desire to welcome the stranger into our midst.**

*Leader:* O God, may we see your holiness in our worship, as we see rancor in our church. Let us be united in our love of God, our faith in Spirit and our willingness to be open to change, as the world questions our ability to adjust and to really love the outcast.

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN: 'For the Healing of the Nations'**

**UMH # 428**

**INVOCATION**

**Nancy Harding**

*Leader:* O God, enter our lives this winter day and bless us with your love and compassion. Open us to your infinite kindness, so that we might be a channel of your grace and unconditional love in this turbulent time.

**People: We believe in you, O God. You invite and welcome us into your great company; to follow, to learn, to live and to love with all human kind.**

*Leader:* So let us celebrate and enjoy the time we have in your service. Let us find joy in our lives and perspective from our struggles.

**People: Give us a vision of the next step in life! Make us strong and confident so that we can fulfill the ministry to which you call us. Amen**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

*Leader:* O God of Light, you bring hope into the world and joy to our lives. Yet temptation, darkness and anxiety cling to our minds. We worry and are driven by anger and resentment.

**People: Anger, violence and incivility overpower gentle words and block out the Light for others. Our despair casts a shadow of doubt on everything around us and it becomes harder to be your disciples. Racism and sexism separate us from your unconditional love.**

**PRAYER OF ASSURANCE**

O God of Abraham and Isaac, open our eyes, clear our minds and soften our hearts so that we can look another in the eye and ask for forgiveness. Give us the confidence to make amends and do the right thing! Through Jesus we ask; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen**

**\*\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
WORD FOR ALL AGES**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 40 (Red Hymnal pgs. 774-775)

**Nancy Harding**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*\*\*Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'

**Church Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Isaiah 49: 1-7**

(Chair Bible (Old Testament) pg. 679)

**Nancy Harding**

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'I'll Praise My Maker.....'**

**UMH # 60**

**SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: John 1:29-42**

(Chair Bible (New Testament) pg. 92)

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**SERMON: "ENCOUNTERING JESUS"**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION (UMH pgs. 15-16)**

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

**MINISTRY OF GIVING: 'Softly and Tenderly'**

**Church Choir**

**\*\*\*Doxology**

*'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power  
uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: 'Song of Hope'**

(Sing 2 times, English)

**FWS # 2186**

**BENEDICTION :**

*Leader:* The Spirit of God calls us to come to believe in Christ and love one another.

**People: Through God's presence in our lives let us draw strength in knowing that Christ is with us in all that we do and say. AMEN**

**POSTLUDE: 'Let Them Praise His Name in the Dance'** (Douglas Wagner) **Nadine Shank**

Altar Flowers - be sure to sign up for a special Sunday to have flowers at the Altar. Sign up is on bulletin board as you enter the Library.

Attendance for Sunday, January 12: Adults: 32 Young Adults: 0

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 19TH**

Sunday, January 19th - Morning Worship (Communion) 10:00am  
Monday, January 20th - Office Hours 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Monday, January 20th - Cot Shelter (See Sherry)  
Thursday, January 23rd - Finance Meeting (Office) 6:30pm

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 26TH**

Sunday, January 26th - Morning Worship 10:00am  
Sunday, January 26th - Talk Around the Table (Library) 11:15am  
Monday, January 27th - Office Hours 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday, January 29th - Church Council Meeting (Library) 6:30pm  
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**2019 ANNUAL PLEDGE STATEMENTS**

Be sure to take your 2019 Pledge Statement before you leave this morning, located on the 'Table of Opportunity'.

**SUNDAY, January 26th,** - You are invited to join your church family for a light lunch and Talk around the Table following the morning service. We will be discussing Question 4, "Where do you think our church will be in one year and in five years? Input from everyone is important and useful in planning the future of our church. Please be here.

**WEDNESDAY, January 29th,** The first Church Council meeting for 2020 will be held in the church Library at 6:30pm. Brief reports from all committee chairs are due to the church office no later than Monday, January 27th. Please also plan on submitting items for your committee's future planning for the agenda. See Virginia if questions. The whole church body is always invited to this important meeting.

**SUNDAY, February 9th,** - A delicious lunch will be served by Chef Eric of Bluebonnet Diner following worship (11:15am) in Fellowship Hall. There will be a short fair meeting after lunch. Let Sue know if you will be attending.

**SUNDAY, February 23rd,** Live Nativity Meeting for all those who took part in any way will be held following worship (11:15am) in the Sunday School Classroom at end of hallway past the office to discuss our recent presentation and thoughts of how to improve for this year.

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

***"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"***

**SUNDAY, January 19, 2020**  
**Worship Service with Communion 10:00am**



**Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor**  
Nadine Shank, Organist

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill  
God's will for the transformation of the world through  
spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship.  
We express our faith through others."*

*We welcome you to join us in this our journey.*