

January 21, 2018

Order of worship

Joe DeGrande / Lay Leader

10:00 am

(please enter the sanctuary in quiet meditation)

MORNING MEDITATION

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing and when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. When the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance. K. Gibran

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Stewardship Message

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give us your strength, Lord.

People: **Because sometimes things get tough and we are ready to quit.**

Leader: Give us your love, Lord.

People: **Because sometimes people reject us and we are tempted to hate.**

Leader: Give us your eyes, Lord.

People: **Because sometimes life get dark and we lose our way.**

Leader: Give us courage, Lord.

People: **Because often we are put under pressure, and it is hard to do what is right.**

Leader: Give us yourself, Lord.

People: **Because our hearts were made for You, and we will not rest until we rest in you.**

*****OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

UMH # 89

INVOCATION

Leader: Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

People: **We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.**

Leader: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

People: **We celebrate the loving presence of God in our lives.**

Leader: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

People: **We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Joe DeGrande

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to You confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ your son. AMEN

Pam Kukucka

Art Cooper

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. In His mercy, He has set us free from the power of sin and death and offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus, our Lord! Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring honor and glory to God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25 (Red Hymnal) pg 757

Carolyn Burrows

Lay Leader Prayer

Joe DeGrande

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 : Matthew 1:14-20 (NT pg 1 chair bible)

Carolyn Burrows

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Here I Am Lord"**

UMH # 593

Sermon: "READY"

Joe DeGrande

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 our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "He Lives"**

UMH # 310

(please be seating following the singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Father I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank You. I am ready for all. Let only your will be done in me.

People: **May the love of God go with us this day and forever. Amen**

POSTLUDE

Pam Kukucka

***indicates to stand if you are able

THIS WEEK - January 21st - January 27th

Pastor is on vacation until Wednesday, January 24th when he will return to the church office.

NEXT WEEK - January 28th - February 3rd

Wednesday, January 31st - church Council 6:30pm

(this is an open meeting to all church members/friends)

Friday, February 2nd - Annual Church Conference - 7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers this morning are in memory of loved ones given by Roxie and Clem Pin.

There will be no Bible Study this morning. It has been rescheduled for next Sunday, January 28th @ 11:15am.

Sunday, January 28th - Rev. David would like to receive anyone interested in becoming a member of CUMC. In Pastor David's absence this morning, please speak to Pam if you are interested.

Annual Giving Card is included with your bulletin this morning. Next Sunday the 28th is the end of our Annual Giving Drive so be sure to complete your Giving card this morning if you have not already done so and place it in the offering plate to give to Pam following today's service. Annual Giving may be completed by CUMC members and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND - ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE 7PM

If committee reports were not submitted previously, please submit them to the church email: christnorthampton@gmail.com by next Sunday, January 28th. This is a very important meeting for all members/friends of CUMC overseen by the New England Conference.

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email: christnorthampton@gmail.com / office phone (413) 584-5935

Web: Currently being updated / Facebook: Christ Northampton

Rev. David F. Hurst (413) 426-6031 - feel free to call for appointment

Office Hours this coming week will be Wednesday, Jan. 24th 10am - 5pm

(stop in or call church office to make appointment)

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

Worship Service 10:00am



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor

Music Director, Pam Kukucka

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world."*