

**Order of Worship**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2020 10:00am**  
**MORNING MEDITATION**  
*(\*\*\*indicates to stand if able)*

"The unruliest students make the most pious preachers." German proverb

**PRELUDE: 'Sonata 10 Nr.3:Largo e mesto'** (Beethoven) **Nadine Shank**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **Art Cooper**

*Leader:* O Lord you have called us this day from the demands of our time; to seek your grace.

**People: From our busied lives, from the hassles and the pressures; we come to worship you in Spirit and in Truth.**

*Leader:* You call us! You urge us! You invite us to grow and to change our lives.

**People: You give us a sense of belonging. You create a place of sanctuary for us. Bless us, dear God, fill us with your love and patience.**

*Leader:* Hold us in your heart, O Lord, Energize us to be your church. Guide us into our futures and open our hearts to understand your will.

**All: Strengthen us with bold courage. Heal us so that we can heal others. Open us to your tender mercy.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN: 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'** **UMH # 173**

**INVOCATION** **Art Cooper**

*Leader:* O wondrous and unwearied God, breathe deeply into us that we might feel alive and filled with your passion and grace.

**People: In a January mornings that is filled with cold, help us to take the time to turn our lives toward our faith and our desire to love to love one another.**

*Leader:* This is a new day! Help us to be renewed, to start again, to keep our lives moving with honesty and confidence.

**People: O wondrous and unwearied God, help us to respond to your calls. Give us the courage to do what is asked, to follow through with what is right and to encourage others to do the same.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison]** **Rev. David F. Hurst**

**O dear Lord, how easy it is to judge others; to conclude that our thoughts are correct. We confess that we tend to want others to be more like ourselves. We'd like it if all would think the same and agree with what we consider wisdom and accept as truth. What a boring world it would be! Help us to see that the one who comes among us and leads us welcomes all without qualification. Forgive us when we make mistakes, when we sin and when we cannot admit our wrongs. Forgive our assumptions and our willingness to settle for second best. Forgive us when we know we should say something and we don't! Help us to seek your love: a love that challenges us, and molds us to be something new; something greater than what we are now. Amen**

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

**\*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**WORDS FOR ALL AGES**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Song of India: from "Sadko"** (N.Rimsky-Korsakow) **Nadine Shank**

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 27** (Red Hymnal pgs 774-775) **Art Cooper**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** **Rev. David F. Hurst**

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

**SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Isaiah 9 1:4** **Art Cooper**  
(Chair Bible, Old Testament, pg. 638)

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'O Master Let Me Walk with Thee'** **UMH #430**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON/Second Lesson: John 1: 29-42** **Rev. David F. Hurst**  
(Chair Bible, New Testament, pg. 92)

**SERMON: 'CALLED TOGETHER'** **Rev. David F. Hurst**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING: 'Waltz'** (Edvard Grieg) **Nadine Shank**

**\*\*\*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: 'Christ for the World We Sing'** **UMH # 568**

**BENEDICTION:**

*Leader:* Hear the promise of Jesus Christ!

**People: Peace I leave with you. Peace, I give to you; not as the world gives, but as I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled: nor let them be afraid. Amen:**

**POSTLUDE: 'Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven'** **Nadine Shank**

Altar Flowers this morning are in memory of her mother, Mary, given by Lois Bailey.

Attendance for Sunday, January 19th: Adults 20 Young Adults: 0

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - 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 Open 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday, January 29th - Office Open 8:30am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday, January 29th - Church Council Meeting(Library) 6:30pm

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2ND**

Sunday, February 2nd - Morning Worship (Communion) 10:00am  
Monday, February 3rd - Office Open 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday, February 5th - Office Open 8:30am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday, February 5th - Missions Committee Mtg. 10:00am  
(Library)  
Wednesday, February - Mutual Ministry Mtg. (Library) 12:15pm

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY - FOLLOWING WORSHIP: 'TALK AROUND THE TABLE'**

All are invited to a light lunch to discuss Question 4 of the survey, "Where do you think our church will be in one year and in five years?" Input from everyone is important and useful in planning for the future of our church.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH - LIBRARY**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - 10:00AM  
MUTUAL MINISTRY MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME 12:15PM  
CHURCH COUNCIL - REPORTS DUE TODAY - ALL ARE WELCOME  
6:30PM

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH**

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following the worship service at 11:15am provided by Chef Eric of Bluebonnet Restaurant. There will be a short fair meeting following lunch for those who participate or are interested in our church fair. If you haven't let Sue know that you plan to attend, please be sure to MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

Live Nativity meeting following morning worship (11:15am) for all those who participated in any way or those who are interested in the Live Nativity itself are asked to attend 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 26, 2020  
Worship Service 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.*