

**Order of worship**  
**January 28, 2017                      10:00 am**

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

"God often uses our greatest pain as the launching pad of our greatest calling." Unknown

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

Susan Routhier

**Stewardship Message**

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Routhier

*Leader:* Let us come together for this hour and leave our worries and cares behind us.

**People: Open our hearts, dear wondrous and living God! Stir us to be forever prayerful and listen to your Word that is filled with prophesy and Truth.**

*Leader:* May we see where change is needed through the past. Help us to hold onto our tradition, but to welcome and to be open to those who would come into our church.

**People: O Lord give us the courage to discern what is good, to plan for the future, to respond your calling and be grateful for the gifts that God has given to us.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN      "Ye Servants of God"**

**UMH # 181**

**INVOCATION**

Susan Routhier

*Leader:* O dear Lord open our hearts that we might comprehend your steadfast and healing love.

**People: Help us, Lord, to see that your love is all around us in the happenings of each day. It is in the healing of the sick. It is in the kindness that is shown on the street and in the marketplace. It is here. Everywhere!**

*Leader:* Through our lives, help us to recognize your work that many call miracles; the gifts of God.

**People: Open us to believing and accepting that our lives are dependent upon your grace. That your compassion and your unconditional love for us, never ends.**

**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.

**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**

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

**Eduardo and Children**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 111 (Red Hymn Book P. 832)

**Joe DeGrande**

**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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20** (chair Bible OT pg. 174)

**Joe DeGrande**

**\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation: "My Jesus I Love Thee"**

**UMH # 172**

**Second Lesson Mark 1:21-28** (chair Bible NT pg. 35)

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**Sermon "The True Prophet and Healer"**

**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**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible"**

**UMH # 103**

*(please be seated following singing of this hymn)*

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* You have heard the Word of God through song, prayer and teaching!

May it be planted in all our hearts!

**People: May we be strengthened by God's love. May we share his love with others. Let us go forth with joy and confidence in our hearts.**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*\*\*indicates to stand if able*

**This Weeks dates to remember: Jan 28 - Feb 3rd**

Sunday, January 28th - Bible Study 11:30am - Pastor's office  
Sunday, January 28th - Hospitality Time - following church service/library  
Monday, January 29th - Trustee / Finance Meeting 6:30pm  
Wednesday, January 31st - Office Open Hours 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday, January 31st - Church Council Mtg. 6:15pm  
Friday, February 2nd - (2017) Annual Church Conference  
6pm - SPRC with Ralph Howe (Conference Assistant)  
7pm - Whole church conference with Ralph Howe

**Next Weeks dates to remember: Feb 4th - 10th**

Sunday, February 4th - Receiving new member(s) during church service  
Wednesday, February 7th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1pm  
Wednesday, February 7th - Office Open Hours 10am - 3pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given by Lois Bailey in loving memory of her parents.

**Receiving New Members:** The date has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 4th . If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the CUMC church family, please let Rev. David know.

**Annual Giving for 2018:** If you have not already completed your Annual Giving Card, please do so this morning and place it in the Offering Plate. A card is inserted with this bulletin for your convenience.

**Annual Giving for 2017:** End of Year Statements are ready for your pickup on the Table of Opportunity.

**February / March Newsletter:** Looking for articles, joys /concerns, member news, future committee meeting dates, church event news. Please write out your article and give it to Pam or send a word document via email to: [christnorthampton@gmail.com](mailto:christnorthampton@gmail.com) **Deadline is Monday, January 29th.**

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday, January 28, 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.*