

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
*(*** indicates to stand if able)*

MORNING MEDITATION

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the love of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

PRELUDE: 'Sonata Pathetique:Adagio contabile' (Beethoven) Nadine Shank
WORDS OF WELCOME Carolyn Burrows

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, let us gather this morning to hunger for justice and to thirst for reconciliation.

People: Let our souls be nourished by God's hope and grace.

Leader: We are blessed when we grieve and recognize the brokenness of the world.

People: Let us choose as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.

Leader: We are blessed when we become God's people..

People: We are willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy!

*****OPENING HYMN:** 'Lord, You Give the Great Commission' UMH #584

INVOCATION Carolyn Burrows

Leader: O God catch us up in our aimless scurrying and hold us in the love of your heart.

People: As winter slows us from working, from doing and doing, help us to relax and find time to pray and be thoughtful about our lives and our willingness to serve You.

Leader: O Lord, wherever we are, help us to find balance in our lives and to celebrate the gifts that are given to us.

People: Hold our hearts to the beat of your grace and create in us a resting place where we can listen for your voice and act upon your healing love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O loving and awesome God we come to you with open hearts. Give us the confidence to know that our sins and secrets are no different than anyone else's.

People: O God, help us to give to you our indiscretions, our sin and our defects.

Leader: Enthuse us so that we do not make you weary with our apathy or our inability to share our lives and wisdom with those who need a helping hand.

People: Forgive us when we gossip, and make promises that we fail to keep. Help us to forgive others; for it is in the forgiving that we become right with ourselves, our fellows and our Maker. Forgive us, O God of hope and bless us with your mercy. By your grace teach us to walk humbly, and hopefully, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 15 (Red Hymnal pg. 747) Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

*****RESPONSE: “Glory Be to the Father”**

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 Carolyn Burrows
(Chair Bible, Old Testament, pg.866)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION:** 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' UMH #298

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. David F. Hurst
(Chair Bible, New Testament , pg. 4)

SERMON: 'Hopes and Virtues' 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: 'Arietta' (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:** 'Rejoice in God's Saints' UMH #708

BENEDICTION :

Leader: May God give us the courage to walk the paths of peace and live honestly within ourselves..

People: May God give us the patience to outlast the troubles of the day. Let us be filled with the love of God and may it be reflected in the ones we love and cherish. Amen

POSTLUDE: 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken' (Gordon Young) Nadine Shank

