

Order of Worship

February 3, 2019 10:00am

**** indicates to stand if able*

MORNING MEDITATION (Please be seated upon entering Sanctuary in prayer.)

All love that has not friendship for its base is like a mansion built on sand." Ella Wheeler Wilcox

PRELUDE

(And the light shall be brought forward.)

Alexis Morrey

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joe DeGrande

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord the world fashions us to build bigger houses and have more possessions.

People: Teach us to be rich in you, O God.

Leader: The world encourages us to hoard our treasures and throw parties so that people see what we have.

People: Teach us to build our treasure in heaven and show others our friendship and our faith.

Leader: The World scares us into protecting ourselves, keeping others at arms length and ignoring those who are in need of affirmation and friendship.

People: O lord, teach us to use and magnify our gifts for your glory, Help us to give freely of ourselves.

*****OPENING HYMN: "I Come to the Garden Alone"**

UMH #314

(with Joe DeGrande on guitar)

INVOCATION

Joe DeGrande

Leader: O God open your holy presence to us this day.

People: Inspire us to hear your Holy Word. Despite our shortcomings, help us to respond to that voice inside us.

Leader: Help us to see Christ in the face of those around us; lest we too reject Jesus' desire to be part of our family and friendship.

People: Let the hymns that we sing go straight to our hearts for they speak of your grace and your infinite wisdom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O merciful and loving God, we come before you this morning, mindful of Jeremiah who in his youth trembled when asked to be God's prophet.

People: We too are fearful of life's challenges. We take things so personally when our expectations of ourselves and those around are not met.

Leader: We prefer the easy choices to fulfill our desires. We yield to the easier softer way, and we feel hurt or indifferent to everyone.

People: Forgive us for assuming that others will answer your call. Let us not sit in silence as the world passes us. Create in us a clean and sturdy heart that we might be your faithful servants, truthful, kind and loving in all our endeavors.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ God knows and receives us as we are. Listen! Give thanks Know that we are loved and forgiven through God's grace. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 71 Pg. 794 (Red Hymnal)

Joe DeGrande

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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

"Glory is 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 - JEREMIAH 1:4-10

(Chair Bible OT pg. 698)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Amazing Grace"**

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(with Joe DeGrande on guitar)

SCRIPTURE READING:Second Lesson - Luke 4:21-30

Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible NT pgs. 61 & 62)

SERMON: "Home Boy"

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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

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

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

*****PARTING HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

UMH # 580

BENEDICTION

Leader: O Lord, help us to be friends in Christ, for you have created us in your image.

O Holy Spirit fills with a sheer desire to love one another.

People: O God, help us to apply to our daily lives your Divine message of hope, of love and forgiveness. Open us to be friends with one another. AMEN

POSTLUDE

(And the light shall be carried out into the world)

Alexis Morrey

Altar flowers this morning are given by Art and Judy Cooper

Attendance for Sunday January 27th (30 Adults / 3 Children)

Happenings during week of February 3rd

Sunday, February 3rd - Morning Worship with Communion 10am

Sunday, February 3rd - Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, February 6th - Office Open 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, February 6th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1pm

Happenings during week of February 10th

Sunday, February 10th-Morning Worship 10am

Sunday, February 3rd - Bible Study - Pastors Office 11:30am

Future Happenings

February Cot Shelter Meal is Monday, February 18th. There is a need for people to help with preparing and serving. Please speak to Rochelle!

Christmas Card covers. If you still have Christmas Cards and you don't want to keep them, Rochelle is looking for their covers. Please bring them in anytime and leave them in the box located on the Table of Opportunity.

The Rescheduling of Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm. This is an open meeting to all members and friends of CUMC.

Fair Meeting: There will be a open fair meeting at 11:15am following morning worship on Sunday, February 17th. Please bring your thoughts and ideas

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Worship Service 10:00am



This Service is dedicated with Love to Bea Phillips

Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor

Music Director, Pam Kukucka

*"Our mission is to become disciples of Christ and to fulfill
God's will through spiritual growth, education, worship
and fellowship. We express our faith through service to others.*

We welcome all to join us in this our journey."