

## Order of worship

February 4, 2017

10 am

MORNING MEDITATION - (please enter sanctuary in silent meditation)

Be merciful to those who doubt, snatch others from the fire and save them! To others who live in fear; show mercy! Jude 22

### PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Joyce Monska

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

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

Joyce Monska

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with honor and praise.

**People: For God's love endures forever!**

Leader: Let us give praise to our God with joy and celebration.

**People: May we delight in God's presence and find our peace in living each day.**

**Open us to hear beyond our hearing; so that we might welcome your wisdom and strength into our lives.**

Leader: Let us sing for understanding and confidence. Let us pray for peace and comfort. Let us listen to the Word; for God is good and merciful to all.

**People: Let us worship the Lord and trust in his Word.**

\*\*\*OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" sing words from UMH # 546

### \*\*\*INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: O God catch us up from our aimless scurrying and hold us in the love of your heart. Draw near to us so that we can learn to be a part of your Kingdom

**People: As the weather slows us from doing and doing, help us to relax and find time to pray, to be thoughtful about our lives and to engage in serving others.**

Leader: O Lord, wherever we are, you are there! Help us to find balance in our lives and to use the gifts that are given to us to strengthen our families and our faith.

**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

**ALL: O Gracious and ever-lasting God, let us take refuge in Jesus Christ. May we offer our spirits to you that you might do what you Will with us; so that we might live in your peace and in your loving care. O Lord, help us each day to change our earthly ways. Forgive us our sin, our character defects and shortcomings. Help us to act, to say we are sorry when we are wrong and make amends. Give us the vision and courage to choose the right things for us and say no to the temptations of life. Through God's grace help us to nurture life around us and within us, so that we might receive your blessing. O God, relieve us of our burdens and our guilt so that we are open to change and flexible enough to engage this turbulent world.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 147 UMH pg 859-860

Nancy Harding

### Celebration of Membership

*(we welcome Luke M. Burgess into membership of this church)*

### 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*

First Lesson Mark 1: 29-39 (chair Bible NT pg 35)

Nancy Harding

\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" UMH # 614

Second Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31 (chair Bible OT pg 668)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon How Great Thou Art! Rev. David F. Hurst

### 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

### Thanksgiving and Communion

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

\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: "We Thy People Praise Thee"

UMH # 67

(please be seated at conclusion of hymn)

### BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth as children of God.

**People: Go forth with the loving support of those around you!**

Leader: Go forth refreshed and renewed.

**People: Go forth to be an active part of God's world.**

### POSTLUDE

**Church dates for week of February 4th:**

Sunday, February 4th - Bible Study 11:30AM (pastor's office)

Wednesday, February 7th - Church office open 10am - 3pm

Wednesday, February 7th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1PM

Saturday, February 10th - UMW Team Mtg. 11AM

**Church dates for week of February 11th:**

Sunday, February 11th - Bible Study 11:30AM (pastor's office)

Sunday, February 11th - Celebration of February Birthdays

Wednesday, February 14th - Church office open 10am - 3pm

Wednesday, February 14th - **"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"!!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Altar Flowers this morning are in loving memory of Grandmother Ruth Brooker, given by Carolyn Burrows

Please be sure to sign the Flower chart if you would like altar flowers on a certain Sunday in memory or honor of friend or relative.

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Worship Service 10:00am



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Music Director, Pam Kukucka

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