

Order of worship

February 11, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - *please enter sanctuary in silence for those wishing a time for quite meditation and prayer.*

“In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free.”

Julia Ward Howe, 1861

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Art Cooper

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord let us gather to open our hearts and our minds to your Word.

People: We come to you, O God, as we are. Inspire us to grow and to change. Refine us, Lord! Give us the willingness to feel your presence.

Leader: We approach you in worship humbly, O God, knowing what we are not perfect; knowing that you love us in spite of ourselves.

People: Help us to draw closer to you in faith. Give us a sense of confidence and assurance that you are there for us. Instill in us a sense of awesome wonder that You, the divine is among us.

ALL: You know our hearts, O God. Love and purify us that we might be your people. Keep us seeking to know your wisdom.

***OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord"

UMH # 139

INVOCATION

Art Cooper

Leader: O Lord, grant in us a sense of wonder and awe for the majesty of God's presence in our lives.

People: Help to see that we are not alone in this sea of demands, challenges and opportunities that we call life.

Leader: Help us to believe through the signs and miracles of the Bible that God walks among us through Christ, the Messiah, the Holy One.

People: Through Christ's love may we be quick to ask for willingness to believe deeply, to change our motives and desires, and to be give to God the power to redeem us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison] #890 UMH

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, have mercy upon us. Forgive all of our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us, that we will follow your Will. Through the grace of God alone, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHILDREN’S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 50 UMH pg. 783-784

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David 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 2 Kings 2:1-12 (chair Bible OT pgs. 332-333)

Carolyn Burrows

***Hymn of Preparation "Open My Eyes that I May See"

UMH # 454

Scripture Reading:

Second Lesson Mark 9:2-9 (chair Bible NT pg. 44}

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon “Dazzling Change” 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

***PARTING HYMN: "Go Make of All Disciples"

UMH # 571

please be seated after the singing of the hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go now into the sea of life with the love of God in your hearts

People: Our lives are good, our souls are refreshed. Our hearts are a little more aware and happy. Help us to show that assurance in our relationships, in our jobs and in our dealings with all whom we encounter. May God bless us and keep us whole until we meet again!

POSTLUDE

****indicates to stand if able*

Church dates for week of February 11th:

Sunday, February 11th - February Birthday Celebration 11AM
Sunday, February 11th - Bible Study - Pastor's office 11:30am
Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14th - Office will be open 10am - 3pm
Wednesday, February 14th - **"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!"**

Church dates for week of February 18th

Sunday, February 18th - Bible Study - Pastor's office 11:30pm
Monday, February 19th - Cot Shelter Meal (sign up in Library today!)
Wednesday, February 21st - Choir Rehearsal - 6:15pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Time Prior to Church Service - Some entering the sanctuary who wish to take time for prayer and meditation prior to the worship service have spoken about the noise. Therefore it is being asked of those who wish to socialize prior to the church service, that it please be done in the Library Area. Thank You

The Altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Stephen Monska's Birthday by his mother Joyce.

February Birthday celebration - there will be cake in the Library following today's service. Happy Birthday to BethAnn Phillips, Fred Lambert and Stephen Monska!

Notices for the March/April Newsletter must be submitted to the church office by **Sunday, February 18th**. Other than committee updates; news from our church families is also accepted. Just email any info to the church email listed below.

Announcements for church events to be listed here on the Sunday bulletin needs to be emailed to the church email listed below by the Tuesday prior to your requested Sunday of listing.

Please feel free to contact Rev. David for emergency needs during the week.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**Sunday, February 11, 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 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 journey.