

Order of Worship

February 17, 2019 10:00am

(Please be seated in the Sanctuary in quite prayer)

*** indicates to stand if able

MORNING MEDITATION

“Teach me, O God, so I intuitively know the way to change; the way to grow through the fellowship of Christ. Give me the words to ask how to handle life as it happens. Fill me with your Spirit and grant me the willingness to share my life and my church with others.”

Anonymous

PRELUDE: *(and the light shall be carried forward)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joyce Monska

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O precious and loving Spirit, open our hearts this morning to listen for and feel the presence of God within our midst.

People: Jesus has brought us out of the wilderness of the churnings and yearnings of our souls.

Leader: Freed us, O gracious God to love and to care, and to be a part of the world. Let us now find the time to be quiet and reflective; knowing that God loves us without condition or pretense.

People: Help us find comfort and resolve here: where your loving Spirit can be expressed without judgment or division,

ALL: O God, give us the willingness to follow your path wherever it leads: so that we might praise you and be grateful for our lives and the gifts of God.

*****OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word"**

UMH # 596

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: Dear Lord, open our hearts this day. Come into this place and instill us the love and gratitude that You so richly deserve.

People: Help us to believe in your power and to be truly changed by your Holy Spirit.

Leader: O God, infuse in us the desire to see the miracles of Jesus Christ that are all around us.

People: Give us the confidence, O Divine Creator, to believe that we too might be changed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O loving and holy God, let us not forget the joy we can bring to one another by sharing our lives with each other.

People: Forgive us, for all too often we are content to live with things as they are.

Keep us from letting things slide, and ignoring the simple needs and desires of others

Leader: We encounter people who have never known love, or who never recognize a smile of acceptance or encouragement. O God, place us in your presence that we might be a we might be a channel of your love and be a transforming part of your world.

People: Open our eyes to see your light and grace; for it is through Jesus Christ our Lord that we find our passions and our salvation.

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 Said: Thanks be to God! Amen**

*** **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Eduardo and Children

PSALTER READING: Psalm 1 pg. 738 (Red Hymnal)

Joyce Monska

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; At it was in the beginnings, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen"

Rev. David F. Hurst

SCRIPTURE READING: First Lesson - Jeremiah 17: 5-10

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(Chair Bible OT pg. 719)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: " Lord of All Hopefulness"**

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SCRIPTURE READING: Second Lesson - Luke 6:17-26

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(Chair Bible NT pg. 64)

SERMON: "The Sermon on the Plain"

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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

*****PARTING HYMN: "Trust and Obey"**

UMH # 467

BENEDICTION

Leader: O Lord, make me an instrument of you peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love

People: where there is injury, pardon' where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy! O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled but to console; to be understood as to understand to be loved as to love.

ALL: For it is in giving, that we receive, it is in the pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in the dying that we are born again to eternal life.

POSTLUDE *(and the light shall be carried out into the world!)*

The attendance for Sunday, February 10th was: (20 Adults , 2 Children)

Meetings during week of February 17th:

Sunday, February 17th - Morning Worship 10am

Sunday, February 17th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Sunday, February 17th - Fair Meeting (Room at end of hallway) 11:15am

Monday, February 18th - Cot Shelter Meal (Rochelle)

Wednesday, February 20th - Office Open 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, February 20th - Mutual Ministry Team (Joe DeGrande) Library (1:00pm)

Wednesday, February 20th - Church Council Meeting (Library) 6:30pm

Meetings during week of February 24th:

Sunday, February 24th - Morning Worship 10am

Sunday, February 24th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Wednesday, February 27th - Office Open 9am - 1pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****TODAY** - Anyone interested in or knowing about the **Church Fair** (which is held in November), should plan on attending this mornings' meeting in the classroom at the end of the hallway at 11:15am

****TOMORROW - February 18th** - CUMC will be serving the Cot Shelter Meal in Northampton. Thank You Rochelle and Polly for assisting.

****WEDNESDAY - Mutual Ministry Team Meeting (Library) 1:00pm**

Joe needs a CUMC Lay Ministry Support Team to work with during his studying to become a certified Lay Minister who is one that can be called to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, preach the Word, develop faith communities with the support of a Ministry Team and clergy support. If you are interested in assisting Joe with this wonderful venture in his life, please plan to attend this important meeting.

****CHRISTMAS CARD COVERS** - Please save any Christmas Card Covers you don't want to keep and give them to Rochelle for a Operation Christmas Child craft she is doing.

****SUNDAY HYMNS** - If you have any favorite lenten hymns you enjoy singing, please let Pam know so she will try to work them into our Sunday Lenten Worships.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00AM**



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Organist, 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 you to join us in this our journey!