

Order of worship

February 18, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - *We ask that you please enter the sanctuary in silent meditation.*

“Behind the mountains, there are mountains.” Haitian Proverb

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Joe DeGrande

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Dear Lord, we gather to worship you in Spirit and in Truth.

People: Let us open our hearts to God and welcome all who worship in his name. Let us be friends in Christ and find love and compassion in all our experiences.

Leader: Help us to be changed! Help us to be freed; to give ourselves to you, O God so that we might live and love in your image.

People: Move us toward a larger vision of ourselves, so that we might forgive ourselves and others. Open us to share, so that we might see how great the Lord's work is in our world.

ALL: O Lord, yours is the covenant created for our well-being. Through your grace, let response with love and joy to your presence.

***OPENING HYMN "Morning has Broken"

UMH # 185

INVOCATION

Joe DeGrande

Leader: Lord, keep us ever mindful and aware of your presence.

People: As we hurtle through life, show us the light of your grace and Wisdom!

Leader: Help us to turn to you. Open us to your message. Grant us awareness; so that we can develop and grow in a true covenant of faith.

People: Help us to truly love one another, as our church changes and grows.

Leader: Help us to reach out from shyness, from our fear, and our darkness: for we are assured of God's promises.

People: For God is here; within us, and around us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

O God of deliverance and love, have mercy on us! According to your steadfast love and to your abundant mercy, give us your healing forgiveness. Help us to recognize our transgressions, rather than searching for excuses.. Help us to come clean with my faults and my sins, so that I might learn from them and make amends wherever possible. Keep us safe and help us to love, to be tolerant and to be patient with those who upset us. 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 Bustamante and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25 (Red Hymnal pg. 757)

Dot Lambert

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"

Scripture Readings

First Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 (chair Bible NT pg 34 & 35)

Dot Lambert

***Hymn of Preparation "God Will Take Care of You"

UMH # 130

Second Lesson Genesis 9:8-17 (chair Bible OT pg 7)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon “The Rainbow Covenant”

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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 gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplift; Praise the

Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful"

UMH # 89

(please be seated after the singing of this hymn)

BENEDICTION [in unison]

O God, grant us the grace to live well; to keep the Word of God in our hearts and the Holy Spirit among us. Help to suffer joyfully the pains and woes of our lives, so that we might peace and the love of God in our lives. [from a prayer of John Wycliff, c. 1382]

POSTLUDE

Church dates for this the week of February 18th

Sunday, February 18th - Bible Study - Pastor's office 11:30am

Monday, February 19th - Cot Shelter Meal

Wednesday, February 21st - Church Office Open Hours 10am - 3pm

Wednesday, February 21st - choir Rehearsal - 6:15pm

Thursday, February 22nd - Mission Committee Mtg. - 6:30pm

Church dates for next week the week of February 25th

No Meetings scheduled

Wednesday, February 28th - Church Office Open Hours 10am - 3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder to enter the sanctuary in silent meditation for those wishing to pray. The Library area is available for quite socialization.

Altar flowers may be given in honor of any special family occasion, a special person, or in memory of a family member or friend and may be given on a Sunday of your choosing. If you are interested in giving Altar flowers for a specific Sunday, please sign the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the front foyer just before you enter the library. Your name, description of who or what the flowers are given for and your phone number is needed.

The Altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Lord, Jesus Christ!

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.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, February 18, 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!***