

# Order of Worship

February 24, 2019

10:00am

*(Upon entering the Sanctuary, please be seated in quiet prayer)*

## MORNING MEDITATION

When they hurled insults at Jesus, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.  
Peter 2:23

## PRELUDE

*(and the Light shall be carried forward)*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy Harding

## \*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Come, people of God, let us unite our voices and hearts in praise of you. To God, the loving source of all that is, we realize only in part the gifts that we are given.

**People: Open our lives to the mystery of God's presence and grace. Fill us with joy of being among those who seek you.**

*Leader:* Come, people of God, let the Spirit fill us with confidence and the willingness to follow the teachings of Christ.

**People: Help us to be ready, willing and eager to invite God's Spirit into our midst. Shape us, renew us and refine us, O Lord, so that we might live our lives in peace.**

## \*\*\*OPENING HYMN: "God of Love and God of Power"

UMH # 578

## INVOCATION

Nancy Harding

*Leader:* O Holy and Living God, as we invite your presence this morning, open our hearts that we might understand your works and how they affect our lives.

**People: Center us in that really matters: your love in Jesus Christ.**

*Leader:* Take away our lethargy and dullness of spirit! Release us from fear and hesitation that we see among our fellows. Grant us the courage to live our lives without undue influence of those who would bring us down the wrong path.

**People: Infuse us the living and stirring love of your Son! May our hearts be quickened! May our lives be energized to bring glory to your Holy Name.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

*Leader:* Merciful God, we confess that have not loved you with our whole hearts.

**People: we have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will.**

*Leader:* We have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.

**People: We have not loved our neighbors. We have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us; we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (In Unison)

**Hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Christ we are forgiven! Thanks Be To God!**

## \*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

## \*\*\* CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 37 (pg. 772 - Red Hymnal)

Nancy Harding

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

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 - Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

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(Chair Bible OT pg. 42)

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" UMH # 175**

**SCRIPTURE READING:Second Lesson - Luke 6:39-49**

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(Chair Bible NT pg. 65)

**Sermon**

**"The Practice of Living the Life"**

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 our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts; Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

## Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

UMH # 103

*(please be seated following singing of hymn)*

## BENEDICTION

*Leader:* Let us go forth to show the world what really matters.

**People: Let the love of God flow from all of us to those who live in lonely and disparate lives. May we show people through our kindness, the strength and power of God's love.**

## POSTLUDE

*(and the Light shall be carried out into the world)*

Altar Flowers are given this morning by Chip and Mary Nuttelman

Attendance for February 20th - Adults 35 Children 2

**Week of February 24th Activities:**

Sunday, February 24th - Morning Worship 10am

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

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

Thursday, February 28th - Church Council Mtg. (Library) 10am

**Week of March 2nd Activities:**

Sunday, March 3rd - Morning Worship 10am

Sunday, March 3rd - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

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

Wednesday, March 6th - Ministry Team Mtg. (Library) 1pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*Christmas Card Covers - Rochelle needs Christmas Card Covers you don't want for a Operation Christmas Child craft project.

\*\*Sunday Worship Hymns: What is your favorite Lenten Hymn? Let Pam know and she will work it into a worship service during Lent.

\*\*Mutual Ministry Team - Joe is doing wonderful work as CUMC's Member Care member. As he moves forward to become a certified Lay Minister, he is asking for support from the CUMC congregation. Please try to find time to support Joe in this rich endeavor and attend the next meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 11am. On the Usher's Table are copies of the minutes of our first meeting held on Feb. 20th. Please take a copy if you wish.

\*\*Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday (2/20) evening the Church Council Meeting was postponed to this Thursday, (2/28) to be held at 10am in the Church Library.

\*\*We welcome Stephen Monska as our guest organist this morning.

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## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00AM**



**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 you to join us in this our journey!*