

**Order of worship**  
**March 4, 2018    Third Sunday of Lent    10:00 am**

MORNING MEDITATION - *Please enter the sanctuary in quite meditation.*

“We are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

I will live with them and walk among them, and I

will be their God and they will be my people.”                      2 Corinthians 6:16

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

Art Cooper

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

*Leader:* Lent calls us to journey along the edge; the edge of despair and eternal joy. God calls us to begin the final trip to Jerusalem.

**People:** Lent calls us to from the depths to new life; to the new covenant of Jesus Christ.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to take upon ourselves the willingness to believe in the mystery of God-with-us.

**People:** Lent calls us to penitence, to accountability and to prepare for a life beyond our greatest expectations.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to be ready to receive a gift so glorious that we might be afraid to receive it.

**People:** Lent calls us to face the darkness without a flashlight.

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN    " Come, Let Us Use the Grace Devine "**

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**INVOCATION**

Art Cooper

*Leader:* O Lord, come into our hearts on this March day.

**People:** Your intention for human life and relationships is clear. We so often violate God's purposes, cutting ourselves off from grace.

*Leader:* We are invited in these moments of personal honesty to search our hearts and to renew our spirits through our prayers of confessions.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. David F. Hurst

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins together.

**People:** Gracious god, we confess that we fail to trust your guidance in our lives. Help us to silence the chatter in our minds, so that we can hear your still voice in the noise of the world. Heal our self-inflicted wounds, and still our fears. Forgive us of our faults and sins.

**May we always have the courage to admit when we are wrong and to make amends wherever possible. Renew our covenant with you and one another, so that we might move through without uncertainty.**

**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 22    (Red Hymnal pg 752)

Carolyn Burrows

**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 Reading**

Carolyn Burrows

**First Lesson    Exodus 20:1-17**    (chair Bible OT pg. 66)

**\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation "Jesus I Love Thee"**

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**Second Lesson    John 2 :13-22**    (chair NT Bible pg. 93)

Rev. David F. Hurst

**Sermon -    "Anger Management"**

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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 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  
(see insert)**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

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*(please be seated after the singing of this hymn)*

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* Once we were in darkness, but through the grace of God we have been given the Light of the World to guide us.

**People:** By your grace, O Lord, help us to maintain our cool in this world and find ways to reach out to others, so that they may live God's eternal love.

**POSTLUDE**

*A reminder to enter the sanctuary in silent meditation for those wishing to sit in silence and pray.*

**Church dates for this week, the week of March 4th.**

Tuesday, March 6th - Choir Rehearsal - 6:15pm

Wednesday, March 7th - Church Office Open 10am -3pm

**Church dates for next week, the week of March 11th**

Monday, March 12th - Finance/Trustee Mtg. - 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 14th - Church Office Open 10am-3pm

**Looking Ahead**

Monday, March 19th - Cot Shelter

Tuesday, March 20th - choir Rehearsal - 6:15pm

Wednesday, March 21st - Church Council Mtg. - 6:15pm

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

**Announcements**

Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30pm

(a Seder meal will be served to include Holy Communion)

Upper Room booklets are available on the Table of Opportunity

Additional Readers are needed - if you are interested, please let Rev. David or Pam know.

Please be sure to place your order for Easter Flowers no later than March 19th. Please read the insert found in your bulletin this morning.

If you have an announcement you would like listed here on Sunday mornings, please email the church with detailed information.

Thank You Joe for being our Member Care Giver week after week after week and also for keep the church website up to date!!

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018  
Morning Worship - 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!***