

Order of Worship
Service of Holy Communion

March 3, 2019 10:00am

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

MORNING MEDITATION

O, Holy God, call us onto the mountaintop to a witness to your glory and power. Let your infinite love shine upon us; as it did for Moses, Elijah, and the disciples. Through Jesus' example prepare us for the journey ahead.

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Art Cooper

Leader: O Lord, let us come together before your table. All are welcome into our friendship of faith. Let us enjoy together the richness of your unconditional love.

People: We are hungry, O Jesus. We are thirsty for a good diet of your amazing grace.

Leader: God offers grace, forgiveness and a rock to lean upon: freely and abundantly God provides a life beyond our expectations and dreams..

People: We will delight ourselves in God's rich food! We open our hearts, Let your gracious love abound in all of us.

*****OPENING HYMN: "To You, O God We Sing"**

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INVOCATION

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Leader: O dear Lord come into our hearts and our beings, so that we might love you.

People: We stand before you hungry and thirsty, tired and worn from the ups and down of daily life. Help us to find the humility to let your small voice speak to us down deep in our souls.

Leader: Let your everlasting power be the rich food of your grace; that we neither have to purchase or make. We only have to receive.

People: Let us take a place at your table, for we know it is given to us through the unmerited gift of God's grace.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: Let us our hearts and confess our sins together. (UNISON)

People: O Gracious God, we confess that we fail to trust your guidance in our lives. Help to really listen to your Word, so that we silence the chatter in our minds. Clear us from arrogance and self-will so that we can distinguish your still voice from the noise of the world. Heal our self-inflicted wounds, and still our fears. Forgive us of our faults and sins. May we find 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 can move through our journey with less uncertainty.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who in your mercy, we are promised forgiveness. Help us to accept your love so that we are part of the solution rather than the problem.. 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 99 (Red Hymnal pg. 819-820)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

*****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 - Exodus 34:29-35

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(Chair Bible OT pg. 81)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Devine" UMH # 606**

SCRIPTURE READING:Second Lesson - Luke 9:28-36

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(Chair bible NT pg. 69-70)

SERMON: "The Glory of God!"

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THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION UMH pg. 15-16

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

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: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"**

UMH # 663

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God who meets us on the mountaintop lead us into the valleys of life.

People: May we see the brightness of Christ's love and reflect it in the lives of others.

Strengthen us, motivate us daily for the Holy Spirit has a plan for us.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers this morning are given lovingly and in honor of Martha Kellett's 100th Birthday (today, March 3rd) from her church family. Martha Lives at the Lathrop Inn (Easthampton). The flowers will be delivered to her following worship.

Please be sure to sign the Birthday Card for Martha during Fellowship Time in the Library following this mornings' worship service.

Attendance for February 27th: Adults 23 Children 3

Week of March 3rd Activities:

Sunday, March 3rd - Morning Worship (Communion) 10am

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

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

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

Week of March 10th Activities: First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10th - Morning Worship 10am

Sunday, March 10th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Monday, March 11th - Finance/Trustee Meeting 6pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***SUPPORT JOE: - Ministry Support Team for Lay Ministry meeting will be held this Wednesday in the church Library at 1pm. Please consider attending and join this Team Support Group of members and friends of CUMC to give Joe our Support! Wednesday, March 6th at 1pm - Church Library

*** Fellowship Time - If you haven't signed up recently to help provide a snack for our Fellowship Time following morning worship, please consider doing so. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Library.

***UPPER ROOMS for March /April are available on the Table of Opportunity.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
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!