

**Order of worship**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2019**

**10:00am**

**MORNING MEDITATION**

If God is for us, who is against us? He who gave his own Son, and gave him up for all of us, will he not give us everything else?  
Romans 8:31-32

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

**Joe DeGrande**

*Leader:* O dear God, let us worship with abandon.

**People: Let us sing loud from our hearts with gusto.**

*Leader:* Let us pray with a sense of urgency.

**People: Let us speak to God with confidence and holy passion.**

*Leader:* Let us be awed into silence, knowing that you live within us.

**People: Help us to give of ourselves generously and worship without reserve. Let us praise God and receive his gifts with gratitude and love.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN: "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise"**

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**INNOVATION**

**Joe DeGrande**

*Leader:* O awesome God, as we enter into your midst today, come into our presence and shine upon us the Light of your unconditional love and support.

**People: As we greet and befriend one another, remind us of our covenant with you. That faith is ours to grow within us; so that we will have the strength and ability to do the right things in life.**

*Leader:* Give us, O eternal Power, an ease and a lightness about us. Despite the pressures and fears, open the Holy Spirit to live among with a sense of and internal joy.

**People: O awesome God lead us into those deep and mysterious places where only faith in you will let us go.**

**LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTNING**

*Pastor:* O heavenly God, give us confidence in the face of death, for you have truly won the victory for us

*Lay Person:* **As we light another Lenten candle, let us take a moment to appreciate the gifts and sacrifice of God.**

**People: O God let us be humbled in your sight. For the greatest among us, will be your servant. Let us praise God regardless of our fear, in our darkness or in our suffering. For God is with us at all times and all places**

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSSION**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

*Leader:* O God, as we bow our heads and pray; let us ask forgiveness for our sins.

**People: Grant us your peace and understanding, Lord, for we are only human.**

*Leader:* Through temptation, through our fears and through our yearnings, grant us the desire, to understand the gift of life and forgiveness that we receive through the life and death of Jesus. Forgive our stubbornness, our reluctance to try something new, and our apathy to avoid our commitments.

**People: Dear heavenly God, please send me the Holy Spirit into my heart to show me where I need to change. Whether it be an attitude or an action, let me put my life in the order for our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**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**

**\*\*\* Children's Time**

**Eduardo and Children**

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 27** (*Red Hymnal pg. 758-759*)

**Joe DeGrande**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

Pastoral 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 15:1-12, 17-18**

**Joe DeGrande**

*(Chair Bible OT pg. 12)*

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

**UMH # 269**

**SCRIPTURE READING:Second LessonSecond Luke 13: 31-35**

*(Chair Bible NT pg. 77)*

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**SERMON: "Stand Your Ground!"**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION UMH pgs. 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 gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,, Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

**UMH # 157**

*(Please be seated following singing of hymn)*

**BENEDICTION:**

**Leader: Let us go forth this morning with the love of God filling our hearts.**

**People: Lord, let the love of God control us; so that we might be free and anxiety**

**Let the holy Spirit set our hearts on fire! Let the gift and the wisdom of the Son be always part of our living.**

**POSTLUDE**

Altar Flowers this morning are in Celebration of St. Patrick's Day, given by  
Rev. Lois Bailey.

Attendance for Sunday, March 10th was: Adults: 12 Children: 1

**Week of March 17th**

Sunday, March 17th - Morning Worship 10am  
Sunday, March 17th - bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am  
Monday, March 18th - co Shelter Meal (Rochelle and Sherry)  
Wednesday, March 20th - SPRC Mtg. (Library) 10am  
Wednesday, March 20th - Office Open 9am - 1:30pm  
Saturday, March 23rd - Fellowship Hall Reserved (8:30am - 5pm)

**Week of March 24th**

Sunday, March 24th - Morning Worship 10am  
Sunday, March 24th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am  
Wednesday, March 27th - Office Open 9am - 1:30pm  
Thursday, March 28th - Mutual Ministry Team Mtg. (Library) 11am  
Saturday, March 30th - Fellowship Hall Reserved (8:30 - 5pm)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*Tomorrow, Monday, March 18th - CUMC is scheduled to serve the Cot Shelter Meal. Please be sure to sign up this morning for food donations following worship.

\*\*\* Upper Room Booklets for March/April are available on the Table of Opportunity.

\*\*\*Day of Giving - UMW 150 years in Mission! The insert in your bulletin this morning gives information on ways to give to the UMW Legacy Fund to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women. You can help support this endeavor by giving Online, By phone, Text or by Check - information can be found on this insert. Thank You.

\*\*\* Please watch your incoming mail for a church lenten letter with information of what's to come during lent leading up to Easter. Enclosed with the letter will be an order form for Easter Flowers. Be sure to fill it out and return it by mail to the church or on a Sunday morning with your check payment to Virginia.  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7th.

\*\*\*Copies of the Mutual Ministry meeting can be found on the Usher's Table for the taking.

\*\*\*Rev. David is ready, willing and able to assist any of us needing support. Please be sure to contact him (contact info listed below) for any of your personal needs.  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
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!*