

March 18, 2018

Order of worship
Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION *(Please be in silent meditation or prayer)*

He who forgives; ends the quarrel!"

African Proverb

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Art Cooper

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Let us sing loud from our hearts .

Leader: Let us pray with a sense of urgency.

People: And speak to God with holy passion.

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

People: Help us to give generously and praise God without reserve.

*****OPENING HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"**

UMH # 596

INVOCATION

Art Cooper

Leader: O awesome God, as we celebrate Lent, come into our presence and shine upon us. Open us to understand that your suffering and sacrifice is necessary to understand the joy of the Resurrection.

People: As we greet one another, remind us of our covenant with you. Grow faith within us so that we might develop the strength and confidence to do the right things in life.

Leader: Help us to live life like a loose garment despite the pressures and fears. Let the Spirit live within us giving us a sense of humor and joy, regardless of our sadness..

People: O awesome God help us to understand the mysteries of God's love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord that we often skim along the surface in life; content to live in platitudes, rather than search deeply for the truth. Through our sketchy motives and the pressures of daily life, we often hide in the darkness, rather than coming into the Light, exposing our sin and character defects. Forgive us, O God and grant us your salvation. Teach us to seek the truth, and act accordingly, even if it hurts. Help us to put our falsehoods behind us. Live in us and guide us. Help us to serve and to be a part of your creation.

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**

*****CHILDREN'S TIME**

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 51 (Red Hymnal pg 785-786

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

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Chair Bible OT pg 735)

Carolyn Burrows

*****Hymn of Preparation "O How I Love Jesus"**

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Second Lesson: John 12:20-33 (Chair Bible NT pg 106-107)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon "Come and Follow Me, Y'all"

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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

*****PARTING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

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(please be seating following the singing of this 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 of fear and anxiety. Let the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire!

POSTLUDE

(A reminder to enter the sanctuary in silent meditation for those which to sit in silence to meditate or pray. Thank You)

The Altar service flowers this morning are given in memory of Rev. John Smith by his wife Shirley and daughters Amiee and Arlana

Church dates for this week, the week of March 18th.

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

Monday, March 19th - Cot Shelter

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

Wednesday, March 21st - Office Hours 10am - 3pm

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

(all church members are encouraged to attend)

Church dates for next week, week of March 25th

Today, Sunday, March 25th - bible Study - Pastor's office - 11:30am

Monday, March 26th - Missions Mtg. - 3:15pm

Tuesday, March 27th - Choir Rehearsal - 6:15pm

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

(church library)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY last chance to order Easter Service flowers. (see bulletin insert)
Be sure Virginia gets your order and payment or you may place it in the offering plate.

Cot Shelter (tomorrow 3/19) - sign up sheet for meal items, prep and serving on Hospitality Time Table following this mornings' service.

See bulletin insert for our Roast Pork Dinner on April 7th and give Pam your reservation. She will be at the piano following the service.

Holy Week Information - see bulletin insert

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SUNDAY, MARCH 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!