

**Order of Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 31, 2019            10:00am**

MORNING MEDITATION

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts; Neither are my ways your ways," says the Lord  
Isaiah 55:8

**PRELUDE***(during playing of prelude, please be seated in silent meditation)*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

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

**Dot Lambert**

*Leader:* O God of all life. Lift us with music. Embrace us as we come home to you.

**People: O God of all life let us be filled with the joy of spring, of longer evenings, children's laughter and the feeling that living is easier!**

*Leader:* O God of all life, make our journeys centered and alive. Give us richness with honesty and balance in our lives.

**People: O God of all life, help us to see beyond our restless searching; to a gracious discovery of your Holy Word.**

*Leader:* O God of all life, help us to fathom the mysteries of Lent and give us great hope in the Resurrection of Easter.

**People: O God of life, we praise you! We sing! We offer to you our lives.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**UMH # 139**

**INVOCATION**

**Dot Lambert**

*Leader:* O Lord, hold us close to you: for we see our shadows and our questions are raised.

**People: We feel and remember our doubts and betrayals. We live with our fears, our sufferings and pain.**

*Leader:* Hold us close so that we find your grace much stronger; than our reluctance to live in your Light.

**People: Hold us tightly, so that we might look into your heart and find forgiveness for ourselves and those around us.**

*Leader:* Keep us safe, Lord. Give us pause to apply your Wisdom and unconditional love that abounds in your creation.

**People: Walk with us, O God, from birth through life, from death to life eternal, from apathy to certainty, from denial to affirmation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

**LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTNING**

*Rev. Hurst:* In the house of God there are many mansions. There is a place for everyone; a unique and special place.

*Dot Lambert:* Once we deeply trust that we are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognize the preciousness of others and their unique places in God's heart.

**ALL: As we light the Lenten candles, let us pray that the grace of God will enter our lives. Through the suffering of our Lord, help us to learn to care, to respect others and be an example of love and kindness in this fearful and anxious world.**

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSSION**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

*Leader:* Lord, you know how hard it is to love certain people. Help us to see how you love them. Teach us how to do it too.

**People: O God, open our hearts, forgive us our sins, and free us from apathy and the rejection of others. May we show up for life, living to the best of ability and able to know in that in the end, we have done the best that we can. Free us from the illusions of innocence and the fear of living beyond our boxes.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

*Leader:* Almighty God, do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions. Rather remember me with your steadfast love. 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 32 pg.766 (Red Hymnal)**

**Dot Lambert**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

Pastoral Prayers

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 Joshua 5:9-12**

**Dot Lambert**

(Chair Bible OT pg.197)

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:Second Lesson Luke 15:11-32**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

(Chair Bible NT pgs 78-79)

**SERMON: "FAMILY DYNAMICS"**

**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: "Standing on the Promises"**

**UMH # 374**

*(please be seated following singing of hymn)*

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* Remember that Lent serves to help us to rise above suffering and be filled with gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ!

**People:** God awakens us to great events, which require great thought and belief! The Lord has given us this greatest gift. Help us to live the love of Christ and share the good news with those who we encounter.

**POSTLUDE**

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Attendance for Sunday, March 24th : Adults 32 Children 2

**Week of March 31st:**

Sunday, March 31st - Morning Worship 10am

(Fellowship Time to follow in Library 11am)

Sunday, March 31st - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Wednesday, April 3rd - Office Open 8:30am - 1:30pm

**Week of April 7th:**

Sunday, April 7th - Morning Worship (Communion) 10am

(Fellowship time to follow in Library) 11am

Sunday, April 7th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Friday, April 12th - Choir Rehearsal Time TBD

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*\*Easter Flowers** - Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 7th. Forms are on the Usher's Table. Please give orders/payment to Virginia.

**\*\*\*CUMC Educational Scholarship Forms** for 2019 HS Graduates or for members continuing their education may be found on the Usher's Table. Deadline is Sunday, April 28th.

**\*\*\*Upper Room Booklets** - quite a few are still available for March/April. Please feel free to take one or more if you wish.

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019  
FOURTH 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!*