

Order of worship

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - *(please enter in silent meditation / prayer)*

Come, ye saints, look here and wonder, See the place where Jesus lay;
He has burst His bands asunder; He has borne our sins away,
Joyful tidings, Yes, the Lord has risen today!

Thomas Kelley: "Come, ye Saints"

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Dot Lambert

INTROIT

CUMC Choir

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rise, O people of God and greet this beautiful new day!

People: Cast off your sleep and doubt. Put away your fears.

Leader: Awake! Meet the risen Christ;

People: who comforts our grieving hearts,

Leader: who encourages our faltering steps,

People: who splinters us with laughter,

Leader: who fills us with compassion,

People: and who raises us up to heaven.

*****OPENING HYMN " "**

UMH #

INVOCATION

Dot Lambert

Leader: O caring and loving God, whose love is deeper than tender parents, help us to ready ourselves for life through the Easter miracle.

People: Wash away our sin, for we have pursued wrong gods, worshiped prosperity and success.

Leader: Cleanse our hearts, for we have harbored resentment and reacted with anger and judgment.

People: Purify our minds, for too often we accept "the rules" and often hesitate to challenge false authority.

Leader: Slow down our steps. Curb the chatter in our minds; so that we can discover your presence in the question of a child, the smell of a flower, or the friend who cares enough to really listen.

People: Create in us a pure heart, O Loving God. Renew the Spirit within us. Grant us your Wisdom and the willingness to serve you in all the aspects of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O gracious and loving god who has shown us the way through through your Son, grant us your salvation and peace.

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People: We pray in awe of You. Open our hearts that we might not be afraid of life, but to embrace each and every challenge.

Leader: Lord, forgive our sin. We know we are human, that there are many temptations that may not have handled with dignity or humility.

People: Help us to have the courage love when it is difficult. Grant us the ability to see beyond the moment and find peace with those around us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Thank you , Almighty God, for the gift of your Son, who died for our sins. Strengthen us, to follow your teachings Through the love and blessing of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118 UMH p839 –840

Joe DeGrande

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

1Corinthians 15:1-11 (chair Bible OTpg)

Joe DeGrande

*****Hymn of Preparation" " UMH #**

Second Lesson

John 20: 1-18 (chair NT Bible p.XX} Rev. David F.Hurst

Sermon Now What!

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Ministry of Giving Choir

*****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

*****PARTING HYMN: ""** **UMH #**

BENEDICTION

Leader: O God, let the Light of the Risen Christ shine into all of our lives. Let the good news be spread to all.

People: Let the love of our Creator, abide in each and every one of us. May the joy of the healing Spirit lift us and guide us to share God's love and grace with all whom we encounter!

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Music Director, Pam Kukucka

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