

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019 10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION

"He who forgives; ends the quarrel!"

African Proverb

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Harding

Leader: O dear God, let us worship with abandon. Let us draw near to God in Spirit and in Truth.

People: Let us sing loud from our hearts with gusto, so our souls will be refreshed.

Leader: Let us pray with a sense of urgency, so that life will be more precious to us..

People: Let us speak to God with holy passion, for it through God's love that we become one.

Leader: Let us be awed into silence, knowing, O Lord, that you dwell within us.

People: Help us to give generously of our love. Let us worship without reserve to the praise of God.

*****OPENING HYMN: "O How I Love Jesus"**

UMH # 170

INVOCATION

Nancy Harding

Leader: O awesome God, come into our presence and shine upon us.

People: As we greet and befriend one another, remind us of our covenant with you. Give us to faith that grows within us. Instill in us the strength and confidence to do the right things in life, no matter how difficult and dark it may be..

Leader: Help us to have an ease and a lightness about us despite our pressures and fears.

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

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTNING - Psalm 23:5

Rev. David: "O God, restore in us the joy of your salvation, sustain in us a willing spirit."

Nancy: Through all the darkness of the Lenten season and through the ups and down of life, God has overcome the world!

ALL: So as we light the Lenten candles again, let us pray that the grace of God will enter our lives. For Jesus said it loudly and clearly, "In the world you will have troubles, but rejoice, I have overcome the world!"

PRAYERS OF CONFESSSION

Leader: O God of all and within us all, you desire that we find harmony of mind and heart.

Your grace flows through all life, waiting for us to grasp its meaning to use to live a faithful life.

All: Yet we often block the flow. We prefer to notice differences, to find fault, and look for contradictions. We allow ourselves to be caught up in a sea of gossip and innuendo. We divisive words be said without challenge and we let skin color, gender differences and language keep us apart.
All mighty God weave us together. Break down the walls that divide us and let you unity flow again. In the name of Jesus we ask for your love and forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Thanks be to God

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 126 pg. 847 (Red Hymnal) **Nancy Harding**

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 :First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Nancy Harding

(Chair Bible OT pgs. 672-673)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"** **UMH # 301**

SCRIPTURE:Second Lesson: John 12:1-8

(Chair Bible NT pg. 106)

Rev. David F.

Hurst

SERMON "The Power of Everyday Life"

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 our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor:"**

UMH # 280

(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 of fear and anxiety. Let the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire!

POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, March 24th - Adults 22 Children 1

We welcome Stephen Monska to the Organ this morning.

Week of April 7th

Sunday, April 7th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Fellowship Time to follow in Library

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

Wednesday, April 10th - Church Office Open 9am - 1:30pm

Wednesday, April 10th - Mutual Ministry Team Mtg. 3:00pm

Thursday, April 11th - Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

Week of April 14th -

Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday - Worship 10:00am

Fellowship Time to follow in Library

Sunday, April 14th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am

Monday, April 15th - Cot Shelter Meal

Wednesday, April 17th - Church Office Open 8am - 1:30pm

Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

Overnight Vigil: 8pm - Friday Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Easter Flower Order - Today is the Deadline - Be sure Virginia has received your order along with payment.

***On the Usher's Table are blank copies of the Easter Flower Order, blank copies of the CUMC Educational Scholarship Application and copies of the Mutual Ministry Team Meeting reports.

***Prayer Chain: Please see Nancy Harding if you are interested in being on the Prayer Chain List.

***Maundy Thursday overnight Prayer Vigil - Please consider contributing one hour of your time to be involved in this powerful night of prayer. There is a sign up sheet on the Library table for your convenience.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

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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!