

Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION *(Please enter Sanctuary and be in silent prayer)*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ. Although in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited. Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-2

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Art Cooper

Leader: O God of all life,

People: Soaring music, fallen rain,

Leader: Springtime joy, evening rest,

People: Children's laughter, loud hosannas.

Leader: O God of all life,

People: Our journey, and our home,

Leader: Restless searching, gracious finding,

People: Mysteries of Lent and Easter hopes.

Leader: O God of all life

People: Your praise we sing. We offer you our lives.

***OPENING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

INVOCATION

Art Cooper

Leader: Hold us close to you, O Lord, for in Holy Week we see the union of human and heavenly experience.

People: We see celebration and hope; we see the shadows of darkness and we question God's plans. We sense the doubts and betrayals. We know fear, suffering and pain.

Leader: Hold us close to you, O Lord, so that we might find confidence and grace, no matter how high or how low the journey of life takes us.

People: Be our guide, O Teacher, so that we can search our hearts and find your forgiveness and love within us..

ALL: O Loving and Infinite God; Walk with us from denial to affirmation, from fear to faith and from death to eternal life.

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

Rev. David: As we begin Holy Week, let us center our minds upon the greatest gift that has ever been given to us.

Art Cooper: Through sadness and suffering, through the false bravado of this world, let us light the Lenten Candles to remember what God has done for us.

ALL: O Lord, your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts, help us to understand and follow your love and guidance. Grant us your salvation and your peace through all the excitement and discouragement of life.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSIONS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Lord it is only through your tender grasp that we can face our struggles.

People: O God forgive us when we invoke the spirit of the law when it benefits us or when it involves others. Forgive that inner gladness when we learn of a competitor's troubles. Take away our apathy when we turn away from those in need or those we might be friend.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The love of God is broad like a beach or a meadow. Forgiveness flows to every part of our being. Though Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

PSALTER READING: Psalm 118 p. 839-840

Art Cooper

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers /Lords Prayer

***Response "Glory Be to the Father"

SCRIPTURE READING: First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9

(Chair Bible OT pg. 681)

Art Cooper

***HYMN of Preparation: "Hymn of Promise"

UMH # 707

SECOND LESSON: Luke 19:28-40

Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible NT pg. 83)

SERMON: "The Plot Thickens"

MINISTRY OF GIVING: "Pass It On"

CUMC Choir

***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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH # 155

BENEDICTION

Leader: And now let's go!

People: Let's go to a thousand places where the world needs love. Let's go! Being mindful of God in this Holy Week! Let us share the love of God with all whom we encounter.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****COT SHELTER MEAL - Monday, April 15th**

Make sure you sign up to either help (see Sherry) or provide something for the meal. Signup sheet is on Library table.

*****PRAYER CHAIN:** Nancy Harding is trying to renew the Prayer Chain. If you are interested, Please see Nancy.

*****EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

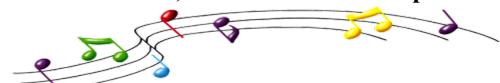
Located on the 'Table of Opportunity'. Qualifications are that you will be a 2019 High School Graduate continuing your education or a Continuing Education Student (both in a 2yr or 4yr accredited college). Deadline for Applications is Sunday, April 28th. Please see Pam if questions.

*****CEREAL DRIVE BEGINS SUNDAY APRIL 28TH**



**CEREAL DRIVE FOR NORTHAMPTON SURVIVAL CENTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH THRU SUNDAY, MAY 26TH
BRING IN YOUR BOXES OF CEREAL AND PLEASE LEAVE THEM
IN THE FOYER BY THE TABLE OF OPPORTUNITY.**

**"HEART OF THE VALLEY CHORUS MINI-CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH 7:15pm - CUMC Fellowship Hall**



**WE ALL ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH THE
"HEART OF THE VALLEY CHORUS" HERE AT THE CHURCH ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH @ 7:15PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
THE MINI-CONCERT IS A PREPARATION FOR THEIR UPCOMING
SWEET ADELINES REGIONAL COMPETITION. THEY WILL BE
INCLUDING SOME ALL-TIME FAORITES. THE HEART OF THE
VALLEY CHORUS Holds REGULAR PRACTICE SESSIONS HERE AT
CUMC EVERY WEEK. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE CONCERT. PLEASE COME AND ENJOY!!!
THE FRONT ENTRY WILL BE OPEN FOR ELEVATOR OR STAIR USE.**

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PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE -
THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH - 6:30PM
OVERNIGHT VIGIL TO FOLLOW
CHURCH SANCTUARY



EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM
BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS, SPECIAL MUSIC, PUPPETS