

Order of Worship

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION: *(please enter sanctuary in quite meditation / prayer)*

"Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey" Psalm 119:105

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

**CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered in this place to worship.

People: because Jesus invites us to come!

Leader: We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures.

People: because Jesus invites us to come!

Leader: We come with what we have, bringing with us the
events and experiences of this past week.

People: because Jesus invites us to come!

****OPENING HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"**

UMH # 348

INVOCATION

Leader: Powerful God, you lift your arms and the sun rises.

People: Your children long to be the people of Light.

Leader: You sacrificed your Son Jesus so that we would not walk in darkness.

**People: Help us to accept your sacrifice. Lift us up to be strong enough to leave
the shadows and have Faith in the Light.**

Leader: Strengthen our beliefs that we might love you more.

**People: Come, Open our eyes and our hearts that your Light and Love might
change us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dot Lambert

Leader: Everlasting and Loving God, we are humbled by the depth of your love for us.
We are amazed by your sacrifice of Jesus for us, your unworthy children.

**People: Forgive us for our ignorance of truth, our rationalizing of choices that seem
too hard to make, the blind eye we turn when it's convenient and for rarely
acknowledging your part in the good things in our lives. Help us find joy in
serving our fellow human and peace found only in humility.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's
children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of
Christ is revealed in us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day.
Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; saints and instruments of God's way.

People: Thanks be to God!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 4 (Red Hymnal pg. 741)

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Dot Lambert

Pastoral Prayers:

Silent prayer

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: 1 John 3: 1-7

Nancy Harding

(chair Bible NT pg 237-238)

****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

UMH # 454

Scripture Reading Second Lesson: Luke 24:36-48

Dot Lambert

(chair Bible NT pg. 91)

Sermon: "No Way Out"

Dot Lambert

Ministry of Giving

****Doxology**

*"Praise God from whom all blessing 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: "God Be with You till We Meet Again"**

UMH # 672

(please be seated after singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION:

Leader: Now go in peace from this house of worship, knowing that you are a child
of God and He will be with you in all the days to come.

People: We go into the world sure of God's love and eager to let our light shine.

POSTLUDE

Vacation Time: Rev. David is on vacation until Sunday, April 22nd. If an emergency arises, please contact Pam (527-5418 or (c) 413-336-2804) and she will have someone contact you.

We welcome Dot Lambert to the pulpit this morning.

This week's Meetings: Week of April 15th

Today, Sunday, April 15th - No Bible Study

Monday, April 16th - Cot Shelter Meal

Thursday, April 19th - Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm

Saturday, April 21st - UMW District Meeting 9am-2pm - Fellowship Hall

Next week's Meetings: Week of April 22nd

Today, Sunday, April 22nd - Bible Study- Pastor's Office 11.30am

Monday, April 23rd - Finance/Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th - Church Council Meeting 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cot Shelter - Our last serving meal for this season will be tomorrow night. - April 16th. Food items are still needed and help is still needed, please see Rochelle after the church service for info.

Cereal Drive - Our annual cereal drive for the Northampton Survival Center begins next Sunday, April 22nd. Again the cereal will be displayed around the sanctuary and we hope to go all the way around - last year we didn't quite make it. Cereal is on sale now in many stores and if you are a coupon shopper - you can get great deals!
REMEMBER SUNDAY-APRIL 22nd!!!

May / June Newsletter - Deadline for articles is Sunday, April 22nd!!!

We need to make CUMC's newsletter for interesting with articles about you are members and friends, meeting developments, planned future events, district news, the sick, our shut-ins, etc. Please, Please send an email to the church(christnorthampton@gmail.com) with any articles personal or church related that you would like.

REMEMBER SUNDAY-APRIL 22ND DEADLINE

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"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00am



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
This morning's guest speak - Dot Lambert
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!***