

Order of worship

April 29, 2018

10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION *(please enter Sanctuary in silent prayer and meditation)*

“You may be certain that as a spiritual pilgrim you are going to get lost. The quest for the Spirit begins when we stop pretending and accept our confusion and insecurity.”
Sam Keen

PRELUDE (lighting of Altar Candles)

WORDS OF WELCOME

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Risen Christ is with us throughout all our days.

People: The Lord of Love dwells within us and in our midst.

Leader: Our neighbors and friend's are here too, within this covenant of God's Kingdom.

People: Let us open our hearts and share our lives, with those around us, those far away, those that we remember and those who we encounter in our journeys.

Leader: Let us raise our voices in celebration and find joy and peace in our lives.

People: Let us worship God with gladness and the assurance of his loving grace.

*****OPENING HYMN "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"**

UMH # 101

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: Eternal God, in spite of all our fears and doubts, we continue to pray in your Holy Name..

People: Remind us to fill our souls with the words of the psalmist; "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you, O God are with me."

Leader: Come into our hearts and minds, so that we might praise you!

People: For it is through you, that life is created; that love and new opportunity are given and realized. Guided us in your paths and direct our wavering spirits.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: Let us open our hearts and lover the walls of self-centeredness.

People: O Lord, draw near to us; calm us when we confess our sins. Be our bond and our refuge, in the days ahead. In you, O Lord we can rely.

Leader: O God, Grant us a clearness of mind, to reply with love. Give us the courage to be kind and involved, rather than being ambivalent and protective of ourselves. Help us to admit when we are wrong and make amends where possible.

People: Through your infinite love, help us to find grace in living each day. Forgive us when we fail to distinguish between what is good and what is best. Forgive us, our sins, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. David F. Hurst

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 THE PEACE of CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 22 - (Red Hymnal page 753)

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

*****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 4:7-21 (pew Bible NT pg. 241)

Nancy Harding

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION "Take Time to be Holy"**

Scripture Reading: Second Lesson:

John 15:108 (pew Bible NT pg. 109)

**UMH # 395
Rev. David F. Hurst**

Sermon: "Connections"

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

*****CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice the Lord is King"**

(please be seated after singing of hymn)

UMH # 715

BENEDICTION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: Christ is Risen! So go now into the world with his love and power within you.

People: Let us choose to be Christ's living presence to others. Let us choose grace over judgment and above all choose love over tolerance of others. Amen

POSTLUDE

(distinguishing of Altar Candles)

Alexis Morrey

**** indicates to stand if able*

Altar flowers this morning are given by Roxie and Clem Pin -
Thanks for Prayers Answered!

Meetings / Week of April 29th

Today, Sunday, April 29th - Fellowship time following service - 11am
Today, Bible Study with Pastor David - 11:30am church office
Monday, April 30th - Missions Mtg. 3:15pm

Meetings / Week of May 6th

Today, Sunday, May 6th - Fellowship time following service - 11am
Today, Sunday, May 6th - Bible Study, Pastor's Office 11:30am
Monday, May 7th - Trustee/Finance Mtg. 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 9th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1:30pm
Thursday, May 10th - Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm

Relay for Life for Cancer Awareness

June 15-16 - The Relay for Life walk will take place at Look Park in Florence.
During this fundraising time for Cancer Awareness if anyone at CUMC would
like to volunteer to be a team captain for the church and get a team of walkers
put together you can contact the relay website: (Hampshire County Relay for Life)
for further information and assistance. The church does have supplies for this
event left from previous walks. Our own Joyce will be doing hair cuts during the
morning of the 16th for hair donations to "Locks of Love".

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Sunday, APRIL 29, 2018
Worship Service 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 all to join us in this journey."*