

Order of Worship
May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday after Easter 10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION - (please enter Sanctuary in silent prayer & meditation)

Prelude

Opening Words

Dot Lambert

****Call to Worship**

Dot Lambert

Leader: Once we were scattered and alone, but now we are God's people.

People: Once we did not receive or give mercy, but now we have received mercy through God's infinite love.

Leader: For this reason and for many more we bow our heads before you, O God in prayer.

People: We sing and listen to your Wisdom, for every family, everyone has been created by his grace.

*****OPENING HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"**

UMH # 568

INVOCATION:

Dot Lambert

Leader: O Gracious and Loving God, source of our life and well-being; come into our hearts and be the truth and the Light for us.

People: Give us the willingness and the confidence to love one another and to come into this hour of worship to bask in your glorious presence.

Leader: Grant us the grace to cling to you, to love and live with you, so that our lives might be an example of your teachings and the Holy Word.

People: O Lord, grant us your salvation and your peace. Help us to keep your covenant, and to hear your voice in those around us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. David F. Hurst

O God of all times, Creator of each season, we know how hard it is to live with our fears and sorrows, our storms and clouds. We are guilty of rushing through life, looking for the sunny experiences and the clear skies. Forgive us, O Lord when we turn a blind eye to your Presence. Help us to seek your heart and mind in our daily lives. Let us feel the fellowship of faith and the breath of life that flows from your constant care.

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**

One: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Psalter Reading: Psalm 98 (Red Hymnal pg. 818)

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Carolyn Burrows

John 15:9-17 (chair Bible NT pgs. 109-110)

*****Hymn of Preparation: "Have Thine Own Way Lord"**

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Scripture Reading: Second Lesson

Rev. David F. Hurst

Acts 10: 44-48 (chair Bible NT pg. 130)

Ministry of Giving

*****Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

"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

Thanksgiving and Communion

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

****Parting Hymn: "O Zion Haste"**

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Benediction

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: May God's love influence your life. May you wear God's joy and Spirit like a loose garment.

People: As we go forth into our daily lives; help us to love, help us to act, and spread the good news among those who need it most.

Postlude

Pam Kukucka

***Please stand if able; Bold print— Congregational participation*

Altar flowers this morning are given by Lois Bailey in honor of our Home Bound members.
If anyone would like altar flowers in memory or honor - please sign the Flowers Calendar located on the bulletin board in the front foyer.

Meetings This Week of May 6th.

Today, Sunday, May 6th - Fellowship time following service - 11am
Bible Study, Pastor's Office -11:30am

Monday, May 7th - Trustee/Finance Meeting. 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 9th - Church Office Open 9am - 2pm

Wednesday, May 9th - Worship committee Mtg. - 1:30pm

Week of May 13th - No scheduled Meetings

Wednesday, May 16th - Church Office Open 9am - 2pm

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Christ United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

Sunday Morning Worship

May 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.



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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!*