

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019 10:00am

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

I am no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

My fears are drowned in a sea of perfect love. Verse from a New Christian Hymn

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joyce Monska

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather for worship! Let us find joy and peace in celebrating life together, being One in God.

People: God calls us to love one another, to forgive one another and to begin to believe in the mystery of our Lord's divinity.

Leader: Come, as Jesus has taught us. Let us clean away the poverty and sin of the past, and renew ourselves by being present and aware of God's grace.

People: Lord, let us worship with thankfulness and humility that are our lives are full through the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us rise and sing together and celebrate God everlasting love.

*****OPENING HYMN: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"**

UMH # 304

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: Touch us, tender God, with the holiness of this morning.

People: Let your fragrant oil of blessing pour over us, so that we will feel your peace inside of us and hear your divine call.

Leader: Fill us with the confidence to speak your word and recognize your blessing.

People: Lord, give us the courage to build your Kingdom of peace in this world.

Leader: Fill us with your grace. Strengthen us to do your will each day and to sing our praises in each moment of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Bountiful God, giver of joy and hope, you offer us the beauty of the earth and the hope of eternity. Thank you for your love. Thank you for the gift of your Son and his ministry of suffering and healing. Let us be filled with gratitude and to respond to your infinite Spirit. Help us to measure what we say and do. May we heed your counsel though we might feel jealousy or resentment. Help us not to whine, but to find joy in your presence. Oh Lord we choose things for the wrong reasons; masking our desires in the illusions of helping. We understand why there is prejudice and exclusion in the world, but we do little to prevent it. We forget Your way, O Lord. We forget that you ask us to serve: to forgive ourselves, our friends and our enemies. Help us to live in your Spirit. Forgive us our sins, O Holy God.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins; God is faithful and just. He forgives our sins, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9]

People: Thanks be to God

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

PSALTER READING:

Psalm 66 pgs. 790-791
(Red Hymnal)

Joyce Monska

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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*****Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

SCRIPTURE READING:First Lesson - Acts 9:36-43

(Chair Bible NT pg. 43)

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*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Morning Has Broken"**

UMH # 145

SCRIPTURE READING:Second Lesson - John 21:15-25

(Chair Bible NT pg. 116)

Rev. David F. Hurst

SERMON: "Breakfast on the Beach"

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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: "Rejoice The Lord is King"**

UMH # 715

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go now with joy and the Word of God in your heart.

People: Let us offer love and aid to all people we meet upon your journey. Grant us the compassion to share each other's burdens and to be an example to those who struggle in life.

POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, May 5, 2019 Adults 26 Children 0

Altar Flowers this morning are given in honor and memory of all mothers and will be given to our shut-ins.

Week of May 12th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, May 15th - Office Hours 9am - 1:30pm

Week of May 19th

Sunday, May 19th - Morning Worship / Communion 10am

Wednesday, May 22nd - Office Hours 9am - 1:30pm

Thursday, May 23rd - Finance/Trustee Mtg. 6:15pm

CEREAL DRIVE - One of Mission Committees major drive of the year, Collection of Cereal Boxes will be accepted thru Sunday, May 26th and then delivered to the Northampton Survival Center. If you haven't already, please bring in one or two boxes of cereal - donation box is in front of the 'Table of Opportunity' to the left of the main door entry.

PRAYER CHAIN - The Prayer Chair is now in place so if anyone has a concern/prayer please notify Pastor Dave by email, phone or text and the prayer chain will be notified to pray for you. If you would be interested in being included on receiving notification of a concern/prayer from members of CUMC, please see Nancy Harding to have your name added to the Chain.

HOW TO ACCESS THE CHURCH WEBSITE: Information on how to access the church website can be found on the 'Table of Opportunity'.

DIRECTORY UPDATE - Please note the following updates in your church directory: BillieSue Kelly - correct phone is 529-2432 and Nancy Uhl - correct phone is 527-8327.

Please take the time to look at your information - if incorrect, please let Pam know.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 you to join us in this our journey!