

Order of worship
May 13, 2018 10:00 am
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MORNING MEDITATION

We know that all things work together for good for them that love God, to those called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

PRELUDE (lighting of Altar Candles)

Alexis Morrey

WORDS OF WELCOME

Art Cooper

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us come into the house of God, singing God's praises!

People: Let us put away our feelings of failure and our sins of the past; and look ahead to a life that God will reveal to us in each moment of each day.

Leader: O Sisters and Brothers, let us worship together as one; opening our hearts to share our faith with those around us.

People: With an open mind and a loving heart, let the promises of God fill us with love and gratitude. Let us turn to God and find his peace.

*****OPENING HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH # 185**

INVOCATION (Psalm 33:4-7, 10-12)

Art Cooper

Leader: The word of the Lord is upright; and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

People: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

Leader: The Lord brings the counsel of nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

People: The counsel of the Lord stands forever; the thought of his heart to all generations.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Heavenly God, mother and father, creator of all things, bring us into your confidence and your love.

People: Forgive, O God, our sins, our character defects and our ability to rationalize most everything.

Leader: Relieve us of the burden of self. Give us the desire to share, to love and to welcome your presence in our dealings with others.

**People: Open our hearts so that we do not block out the voice of God that speaks to us from where we might least expect.
Forgive us, Great God.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Son, who has appeared to us in the most unlikely places. Strengthen us to follow your teachings and receive your blessing of forgiveness with sincerity. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 1 (UMH pg. 738)

Joe DeGrande

Joys and Concerns

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Treaspass)

*****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"*

First Lesson: 1 John 5: 9-13 (chair Bible NT pg. 241)

Joe DeGrande

****HYMN OF PREPARATION "Hymn of Promise"**

UMH # 707

Second Lesson: John 17: 6-19 (chair Bible NT pg. 111)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon: **"Be a Witness to the Son of God"**

Rev. David F. Hurst

Ministry of Giving

*****Doxology**

UMH # 94

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all gifts, Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Prayer of Dedication*

*****PARTING HYMN "All Creatures of our God and King"**

UMH # 62

(please be seated after singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION: Mother's Day Prayer

Response by ALL: May the blessing of the Divine

Be an especially bright benediction

Upon mothers everywhere

On your blessed day - On Mother's Day!

POSTLUDE (distinguishing of Altar Candles)

Alexis Morrey

Altar flowers this morning are in honor of Lisa, Donna, Naomi and Jaedyn given by Clair LeDuc

MEETINGS/ Week of May 13th- no meetings scheduled

Today, Sunday, May 13th - Happy Mother's Day!

Today, Sunday, May 13th - Fellowship Time - 11am

Celebrate May Birthday of Adrienne Cooper

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

MEETINGS/ Week of May 20th

PENTECOST SUNDAY - WEAR RED!

Today, Sunday, May 20th - Worship 10am

Today, Sunday, May 20th - Important Fair Meeting - 11:30am
(main floor - Sunday School Room at end of hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May / June Newsletters are available on the Table of Opportunity, please remember to pick up your copy before you leave today.

Cereal Drive for Northampton Survival Center ends today.

Missions next project is donations for Grove St. Inn.

Needed items are flashlights with batteries, umbrellas, sunscreen, razors/shaving cream for men & women and hand sanitizer. This project will run from May 20th thru June 10th.

Relay for Life Cancer Walk - June 15-16 @ Look Park, Florence
Our own Joyce Monska will be there the Saturday morning the 16th offering hair cuts for donation to "Locks of Love". If anyone is interested in putting a CUMC team together to walk - seek out the website: www.HampshireCountyRelayForLife.org for info.

CUMC's Website

Our church website seems to not have too much viewer activity.

Joe DeGrande maintains the church website for us which is filled with a wealth of information of the worship service and church activities. If you haven't checked it out, you should!

www.christumcnorthampton.org

Christ United Methodist Church, 271 Rocky Hill Rd., Northampton, MA.

email: christnorthampton@gmail.com / office phone (413) 584-5935

Office Hours: Wednesdays 9am - 2pm

Web: www.christumcnorthampton.org / **Facebook:** Christ Northampton

Rev. David F. Hurst (413) 426-6031 - call for appointment

Rev. Hurst's Email: dfhurst@verizon.net

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, MAY 13, 2018
Worship Service 10:00am



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor

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!