

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019

PRELUDE - *(Please enter the Sanctuary and be in silent prayer)*

MORNING MEDITATION

“Teach me O God, so that I may turn to you for strength and guidance. Give me the discernment to know how to handle life as it happens. Fill me with your Spirit. May I be willing to share my life and my church with others,”
Anonymous

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nancy Harding

Leader: O Lord we hear the voice of Jesus Christ call us to follow him in unity and in peace.

People: Sometimes we respond with doubt or wonder, but let our conscience, our faith and God’s wisdom be our guides.

Leader: We are blessed to hear Jesus' preaching and to absorb His teaching. For it is through Him that find our center and understanding of others.

People: So come, let us share his love. Let us celebrate his ministry, so that we are blessed with his loving presence no matter where we are or what confronts us in life.

*****OPENING HYMN: "Come Christians Join to Sing"**

UMH # 158

INVOCATION

Nancy Harding

Leader: O God come into our hearts this day and throughout our lives. May your love and power always be among us.

People: May your Son in those Spirit we live, come into this hour so that we pray together in His Holy Name.

Leader: May Christ fill our lives with gratitude and strength. Through your love entering our world, we become one in You, O God..

People: Welcome us all into your presence, Lord; so that we may indeed become a body of Christ. Help us to celebrate the joys of life; to honor and share our sorrows, so that we may live in the unity of your love.

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION [in Unison]

Nancy Harding

God is unfolding a new moment; an hour of blessing, a time of healing, and a day of beauty. It is a gift offered to all of us. Filled with ordinary moments, our lives are made holy by attention given to movements of Grace, tremors of Love, ripples of Hope, and whispers of Peace. This time is for us all. Amen

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***** CHILDREN’S TIME**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 148 pg 861-962

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*****Response “Glory Be to the Father”**

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson - Revelations 21:1-6

Nancy Harding

(chair Bible NT pg. 259)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION:"Ask Me What Great Things I Know" UMH# 163**

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: John 13:31-35

Rev. David F. Hurst

(chair NT Bible pg. 108)

SERMON: " Love One Another"

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

*****PARTING HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"**

UMH # 715

BENEDICTION

Leader: Be alive in the Spirit. For the Spirit is part of you!

People: Be a dancing flame of joy and happiness.

Leader: Be a warming fire of comfort to those around you.

People: Let us always be a source of compassion. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ go with us into our challenging, yet awesome world!

POSTLUDE

Attendance for last Sunday, May 12th - Adults 27 Children 2

Altar Flowers this morning are given in honor of Caitlin Oelrich and her Graduation from Elms College / Nursing Program given by her parents Jay and Rochelle.

****Week of May 19th**

Sunday, May 19th - Morning Worship / Communion 10am
Sunday, May 19th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am
Wednesday, May 22nd - Office Hours 9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday, May 22nd - Worship Mtg. 10am
Thursday, May 23rd - Trustee/Finance Mtg. (Pastor's Office) 6:15pm

****Week of May 26th**

Sunday, May 26th - Morning Worship 10am
Sunday, May 26th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:30am
Wednesday, May 29th - Office Hours 9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday, May 29th - Mutual Ministry Meeting (Library) 10am

SURVIVAL CENTER CEREAL DRIVE - Next Sunday, May 26th will be the last Sunday for collection of Cereal Boxes for the Northampton Survival Center. We need a lot more boxes to meet last year's donation, soooo if you haven't yet brought in your donation, please remember to bring it with you next Sunday!!!!

****CHURCH WEBSITE IS.....?????????**

It is listed on the bottom of your weekly Sunday Bulletin! If you haven't been there, please do. It has loads of church related information to help you keep track of what is happening here at CUMC.

Here it is again: ChristUMCNorthampton.org

Try it, you will like it!!!

****PRAYER CHAIN** - The CUMC Prayer Chain is now up and running.

When a request for prayer is received by Rev. Hurst, that request will be passed along through a email and telephone chain of us for prayer. A prayer request can be for your own family, a neighbor or friend needed prayers. If you would like to be in this chain link, please see Nancy Harding to be that next added link....

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER 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!