

May 27, 2018

Order of worship

Trinity Sunday

10 am

MORNING MEDITATION - (Please enter the Sanctuary in quiet meditation / prayer)

“Choose well, your choice is brief, yet endless. - Goethe

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Art Cooper

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Art Cooper

Leader: Good morning, O gracious and loving God. You call us away from the demands of our days to live again in your grace.

People: From our busied lives, from the burden of all the details, from the pressures of getting from one place to another,

Leader: You call us home. You invite us in to hear your Word, to pray and sing together.

People: Hold us in your heart, O Gracious God! Strengthen us to do your will. Heal us of our faults and defects. Open our hearts so that we can accept your mercy. Help us to choose your infinite love in all our encounters in life.

*****OPENING HYMN:** " Holy God We Praise Thy Name "

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INVOCATION

Art Cooper

Leader: O, All-knowing and ever-present God, even as we encounter uncertain times and have so many choices in life; help us to worship you in Spirit and in Truth.

People: Let us trust that your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Give us the willingness to live life to its fullest; guided by your faith and trust in us.

Leader: Open our hearts that we may enter into a new life through your Holy Spirit.

People: As the world turns around us and our struggles seen to be defeats, give us the grace to listen for your Word and respond to your message. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, fill our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Gentle God, the signs of your presence are everywhere; the delicate flower, the nesting of the robins, the glad embrace. Yet often our eyes are blind to your wonder and our ears are plugged to your words. We distrust the dreams that come to us in the early morning. We schedule our days so full that it takes an earthquake to lift our hearts to you. We carry long-time grudges and deep-seated resentments that block the flow of your grace. Awaken us, O God, so that we may notice your beauty, hear your whispers and follow your bidding.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Son, who appears in the most unlikely of places. Strengthen us, to follow your teachings and receive your blessing of forgiveness with the sincerity to follow through with making amends.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **People: Thanks be to God**

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***** CHILDREN’S TIME**

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 29 (Red Hymnal - page 761)

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

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: Isaiah 6:1-18

(Chair Bible OT pg. 635-636)

Carolyn Burrows

*****Hymn of Preparation: "Immortal Invisible"**

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Scripture Reading - Second Lesson: John 3:1-17

(Chair Bible NT pg. 91-92)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon: Watch Jesus Work!

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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 gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

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(please be seated after singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION [Ephesians 3:20-21]

Leader: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine.

People: According to his power that is at work within us: to him be the glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and ever. Amen

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given in glory and honor of all our Armed Forces members who gave of their lives so ours would be better.

MEETINGS - Week of May 27th - No meetings scheduled

Sunday, May 27th - Worship 10am
Monday, May 28th - **Memorial Day**

LOOKING FORWARD TO Week of June 3rd - No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, June 9th - Way Forward information meeting to be held at Trinity UMC, Springfield (9:30am - Noon)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY SUNDAY - JUNE 10th

On Sunday, June 10th - CUMC will be celebrating "FAMILY SUNDAY" when we will attend service at 10am; gather at the front of the Sanctuary following the service so an updated group picture may be taken and then to Fellowship Hall for a cookout and make your own Sundaes. **Please be sure to sign up today during coffee hour if your family plans to attend. Come join the fun!**

New England General Conference Information - please read insert

There will be an (9:30am-Noon) informational gathering on June 9th - at Trinity UMC in Springfield to help UMC members better understand what the Way Forward Committee is recommending to the Special General Conference. Please take the time to read this insert. If you would like to attend this informational gathering or have questions, please see Virginia.

Educational Scholarship Presentation:

Sunday, June 17th - Two Educational Scholarship awards will be presented. The recipients are Caitlin Oelrich and Deborah Hackett. Please plan to attend this special time in the service. Coffee Hour in their honor will be held following the morning service.

Grove Street donations - (May 20th - June 3rd)

Please remember to check the clothesline for items needed for Grove St. Inn and bring your donation with you next week.

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We welcome you to join us in this journey!