

Order of worship

June 17, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION *(please enter the sanctuary and be in silent meditation / prayer)*

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one." Linda Poindexter

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Dot Lambert

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love the Father has given us.

People: that we should be called the children of God

Leader: You are my sons and daughters, this day I have begotten you.

People: See what love the Father has given us.

Leader: As many as received him, to them he gave power to become the children of God.

People: See what love the Father has given us.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God.

***OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

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INVOCATION

Dot Lambert

Leader: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

People: Holy god, hear this prayer for our fathers.

Leader: For men, though without children of their own, acted like a father and have nurtured and cared for us.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

Leader: For adaptive and step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

People: Holy god, hear this prayer for adaptive and step-fathers.

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction and for those who do harm and for those whom they have harmed.

People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For fathers yet to be and fathers soon to be.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

Leader: God our father, in our wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joe DeGrande

ALL: O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us. Too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us proclaim the good news, In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

HONORING SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPTS *(Caitlin Oelrich and Deborah Hackett)*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 72 (Page 795 - red hymnal)

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joe DeGrande

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"

First Lesson: 1st Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 (chair Bible OT pgs. 259 & 260)

Nancy Harding

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

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Second Lesson Mark 4:26-34 (chair Bible NT pgs. 38 & 39)

Sermon: "Mystery and Secrets"

Joe DeGrande

Ministry of Giving: "So Strong Your Love"

***Doxology

*"Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God all creatures her 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

Joe DeGrande

*** PARTING HYMN: "Standing on the Promises"

UMH # 374

(please be seated following singing of hymn) **BENEDICTION**

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Leader: Go forth, as God's beloved children.

People: God's love surrounds us like a father's love.

Leader: Go in the knowledge of God's comfort and protection.

People: God's strength empowers us to be the best we can be.

Leader: Go in God's grace,

People: We go to share the love of God with all we meet!

Leader: The love of God goes with us this day and forever.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Sherry and Chet in memory of their Fathers.

Please be sure to sign the Flower Chart if you would like Altar Flowers in memory or in honor of someone.

Today we honor two of our members with Educational Scholarships
Caitlin Oelrich and Deborah Hackett
The Coffee Time following the service will be in their honor.

Rev. David is on Vacation this Sunday. We are honored to have Joe DeGrande as our Guest Speakers this morning. Rev. David will return to the office on Wednesday, June 20th.

Coffee Time: Sometimes our snack table looks pretty scarce. Please sign up for a Sunday you would be able to bring in a snack and also be able to help with clean up. This new schedule will begin in July.

Meetings week of June 17th

Sunday, June 17th - Worship 10am

Sunday, June 17th - Deadline for Newsletter Items

Saturday, June 23rd - Parsonage final clean up - see insert

Meetings week of June 24th

Sunday, June 24th - Worship 10am

Wednesday, June 27th - Church Council Mtg. 6:30pm

Meetings week of July 1st

Sunday, July 1st - Worship 10am

Wednesday, July 4th - Independence Day - office will be closed

No meetings have been scheduled for this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parsonage Open House - Sunday, July 15th
watch future bulletins for further info.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, June 17., 2018

Worship Service 10:00am



Joe Degrande, Guest Speaker

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 our journey.***