

*Order of worship*

**June 24, 2018**

**10:00 am**

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

From the depth of my distress I called on the Lord: the Lord answered me and set me free.

Psalm 118:5 [RSV]

**PRELUDE** *(Lighting of Altar Candles)*

**OPENING WORDS**

Art Cooper

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Art Cooper

*Leader:* O Lord, sometimes we cry out to you for help with the stresses of our daily lives.

**People: Help us to be quiet and mindful: so that we can hear and perceive the answers, that you, O Lord give to us.**

*Leader:* Open us to be ready to hear your voice, embolden us with self-confidence and let us be filled with your gracious and loving Spirit.

**People: Prepare our hearts and minds, O God. Awaken our ears and eyes, for what God will reveal to us.**

*Leader:* Keep us truthful. Help us to be kind and generous with each other. Give us the willingness to love the stranger and to welcome them into our midst.

**People: May we see through our problems of the day. May we put aside our anger and fear and worship God with energy and compassion.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH # 126**

**INVOCATION**

Art Cooper

*Leader:* O dear lord as we look around us and we bask in this beautiful day: we have the opportunity to share our church with others. Help us to realize that we are only a small part of your divine majesty.

**People: Come into our hearts that we might share in your vast creation. Help us to see that your love is not insignificant or unimportant, but is our basis for living. Help us to find our path and to let others find theirs.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. David F. Hurst

*Leader:* Open our hearts, great God, so that we are able to see clearly our faults and defects.

Make us aware of our sins. Give us the willingness and the desire to right our wrongs

**People: Forgive us Dear Lord, when we stray. Forgive us those acts that we do or the things we leave undone. Make us a part of your world, knowing and understanding, that we are to do our best with your guidance and the offering of your eternal love. AMEN**

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**\*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*\*\* Children's Time**

Eduardo and Children

**Psalter Reading: Psalm 9 UMH p.744-5**

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: Mark 4: 35-41**

Carolyn Burrows

(chair Bible NT pg 39)

**\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation: "Be Still, My Soul"**

UMH # 534

**Scripture Reading - Second Lesson: Job 38: 1-11**

(chair Bible OT pg. 484)

Rev. David F. Hurst

**Sermon: "In the Same Boat"**

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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: "The Voice of God Is Calling"**

UMH # 436

*(please be seated following singing of hymn)*

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* Through God's infinite love and grace, let us go forth to be part of this curious and crazy world.

**People: Let us carry the Light of Christ into all that we do . Let us be God's people and share our love and friendship with those we encounter today and all of our days.**

**POSTLUDE** - *(Extinguish altar candles)*

Altar flowers this morning are in memory of Gordon Lowell given by his daughters Pam and Sue. (6/20/22 - 1/3/98)

Flower Chart is open for anyone wishing to order Sunday Flowers for a Special Event or memory.

Looking for help in the following areas:

Coffee Time - sign up today for a Sunday or two and make a snack.

Offering counters - looking for three extra people. One for replacement and two to build an additional team. Takes about 20-30 minutes.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Jetty Wang, Carol Noble and Doris Grala for being our greeters every Sunday. You do a fantastic job ladies!

A THANK YOU also goes out to Art Cooper who mans the camera for our church service every Sunday and to Joyce Monska who has recently offered to learn the process so she can take over when Art is not here. Thanks to you both!!

Upper Rooms located on the "Table of Opportunity" for July and August are available.

**Meetings for this week of June 24th.**

Sunday, June 24th - Worship Service 10am

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

Wednesday, June 27th - Church office open 9am - 2pm

**Meetings for week of July 1st**

Sunday, July 1st - Worship Service 10am (Communion Sunday)

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

No meetings scheduled for this week

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NONE

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## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"***

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Worship Service 10L00am



**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 our journey***