

Order of worship

July 29, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION *(please enter sanctuary in quiet meditation / prayer)*

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Sherry Seklecki

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We praise your name, O gracious and wonderful God. Help us to see your presence in what is and will be.

People: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised.

Leader: We praise your wonderful works, O God> may we understand where your deeds have guided our lives.

People: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised.

Leader: We celebrate your goodness. We feel your happiness within us and we sing of your righteousness.

People: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised.

Leader: Come let us worship together for God is gracious, merciful and loving to a fault.

All: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised.

***OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH # 577

INVOCATION

Sherry Seklecki

Leader: O God, we gather to give you honor and praise.

People: We celebrate the gift of this holy day and we pray that you will strengthen us and draw us into your heart.

Leader: Speak to our minds and souls; inspire us with your Words of grace and love.

People: Keep us open and aware, so that we can forgive and be forgiven.

Leader: Mold us in your image, Lord so that we might be a channel for your love. Help us to strength our faith; so that we can give it away to those who so disparately need to find their way..

People: Center us and keep us strong. Help us to see our faults, to make amend for our sins and to live with those around us with love and confidence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O God, forgive us our sins for it is through our honesty that we are guided to live in the Spirit. It was through our love of you, O Lord, that we become clear in mind in order to move forward and to live our lives in harmony with others.

People: O heavenly God, forgive us when we avoid your path. Forgive us when we settle for second best. Open us to see that we can rationalize anything and find a way to say we are right! Help us to open our hearts to the miracles of your Son and to think to the future, doing good and allowing good to be done. Help us to be silent when we need to be and allow others to make mistakes that they will learn from. Give us the courage when it is appropriate and be able to let go of our resentments and fears. Forgive us, O God!

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 14 / Red Hymnal pgs. 746-747

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

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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: Ephesians 3: 14-21

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(Chair Bible NT pg. 193)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" UMH # 175

Scripture Reading/Second Lesson: John 6:1-21

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(Chair Bible NT pgs. 97-98)

SERMON: "The Results of Faith"

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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: "God Be With You"

UMH # 672

(please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go forth with the Spirit of God as our guide and find the love of Christ in those around us.

People: Let us seek to love, to find grace in others and to show mercy. May the power of God live and act courageously within us .

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers this morning are in celebration of the birthdays of Lois Bailey and her cousins.

Schedule for week of July 29th:

Today - Sunday, July 29th - Worship Service 10am

No Bible Study this morning.

Hospitality time will follow the service

Today - Parsonage Open House 11:15 - Noon

Wednesday, August 1st - Church Office open 9am - 2pm

Schedule for week of August 5th:

Sunday, August 5th - Morning Worship 10am

Bible Study following the service - Pastor's Office - 11:30am

Wednesday, August 8th - Church Office open 9am - 2pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE - this morning from 11:15 to Noon. Grab a snack, and drive or walk over. This is an opportunity for many of you who haven't ever seen the inside to do so. Many improvements have been made over the past few months, so, we hope you will take a few minutes of time to visit. Please enter thru the garage which will be open for you and 'the light will be on'. Ed will be greeting you.

Miscellaneous: The Finance Committee is still looking for two volunteers to help with offering counting following worship on Sunday Mornings. If you would be interested, please see Pam.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Upper Room on the 'Table of Opportunity'.

Be sure to pick up your summer newsletter and your annual giving statement for January - June on the 'Table of Opportunity'.

Missions: Today is the last Sunday for donations for "Operation Christmas Child". Beginning next Sunday, August 5th thru Sunday, August 19th Missions will be collecting school backpacks for children in the Easthampton area. There will be a large box in front of the 'Table of Opportunity' for this collection.

Parsonage Rental: As of August 1st, the parsonage has been rented. A special announcement will be made at the beginning of this mornings' service.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 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, educations, worship and fellowship. We express our faith through others."

We welcome you to join us in this our journey.