

# Order of Worship

August 12, 2018

10:00 am

(\*\*\* indicates to stand)

## MORNING MEDITATION *(please enter the Sanctuary in silent meditation/ prayer in respect for others)*

Ancient moralists believed that people should be reminded of what they know; so they will act accordingly. John Chrysostom, [349-407] 17, 2.

## PRELUDE

### OPENING WORDS

Art Cooper

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

*Leader:* Let us come together and worship the Lord!

**People:** Let us open our hearts! Let us pray and listen to God's answers to our prayers.

*Leader:* Awaken us to the Spirit! Let us be mindful of God's presence. Let the Word of God, and the Wisdom of the Prophets become useful to our daily lives.

**People:** Let us look around in life. Let us befriend through Christ those are different! For where two or more are gathered the power of the Spirit changes, fills us with sense of confidence and the love that is needed to be a part of this turbulent world.

### \*\*\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

UMH # 158

## INVOCATION

Art Cooper

*Leader:* O great and wonderful God come into our hearts and minds, so that we might find your path for us.

**People:** Lord, you are greater than our wildest dreams. You are present in places that we ignore.

*Leader:* Lead us, O Holy Spirit! Inspire us to be your people: to share and to open our hearts to one another. Help us to find ourselves loving, united and able to respond to your unconditional love.

**People:** Open our hearts to you in this hour so that your spirit will transform us into the people that you have called us to be.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

*Leader:* O, Lord, grant us your salvation and your peace. Life is NOT easy. It has so many influences and we can lay the blame on others so quickly.

**People:** There are so many people that don't agree or see things our way. There is so much vitriol in the world. It is with us every day.

*Leader:* O Lord, open us to your Word; help us to try to diminish our anger, and to quickly settle our disputes. Help us to be careful of how we speak to each other.

**People:** Grant us the confidence to express our needs with love for one another. Grant us the awareness to see that we can be as much part of the problems as the solution. Forgive us when sin! When we decide to leave God's direction and go it our own way. Through your grace and our acceptance we ask for your forgiveness.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. David F. Hurst

*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 and faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### \*\*\* CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Eduardo and Children

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 180 (red hymn book - pg. 848)** Art Cooper

## 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 - Psalm 34: 1-8**

Art Cooper

(chair Bible OT pg. 508)

\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Living for Jesus"

Faith We Sing # 2149

**SCRIPTURE READING: Second Lesson -Ephesians 4: 25-5:2** Rev. David F. Hurst

(chair Bible NT pg. 193-194)

**SERMON: "Living is NOT Easy"**

Rev. David F. Hurst

## MINISTRY OF GIVING

### \*\*\*DOXLOGY

*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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

UMH # 404

(please be seating following singing of hymn)

## BENEDICTION

*Leader:* May God open your eyes to things unseen.

**People:** May Christ open us to a faith that knows no bounds.

May the Spirit nurture and guide us into creative places of service and ministry.

## POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Art and Judy Cooper in honor of family birthdays.

**Schedule for this week of August 12th**

Sunday, August 12th - Morning Worship 10am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, August 15th - Worship Committee Mtg. 1:30pm

Wednesday, August 15th - Church Office open 9am - 1pm

**Schedule for week of August 19th**

Sunday, August 19th - Morning Worship 10am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, August 22nd - Church Office open 9am - 2pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Finance Committee** - Two volunteers are needed to work as a team with offering counting following worship on rotation of Sunday Mornings. Please see Pam

**Missions** - Donations of school backpacks for Easthampton school children Preschool - High School being accepted through next Sunday, August 19th. Drop box in on floor in front of Table of Opportunity'.

**CHURCH NEWSLETTER** for September / October. The deadline for items/reports is next Sunday, August 19th. Items to consider are your Joys, Concerns, Family Activities, Upcoming Church Events, Activity Page, Reports Missions, UMW, Worship, Trustees/Finance Committees. Just about anything / everything will be accepted - by August 19th. Email info to church: christnorthampton@gmail.com or give a written item to Pam.

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 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, education, worship and fellowship.  
We express our faith through others."*

*We welcome you to join us in the our journey*