

Order of Worship

August 26, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - *(Please enter Sanctuary in quite prayer / meditation.)*

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

OPENING WORDS

Carolyn Burrows

****CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Holy Spirit, breath of Jesus Christ and the eternal love of the Creator;

People: whisper wisdom, peace and forgiveness into our hearts and minds.

Leader: Like the rushing wind upon the water, O God!

People: Blow through us! Baptize us! And replenish our energy and love for one another.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, be our Spirit of Truth, be our guide in matters of faith and justice.

People: Speak to us so what we will comprehend your Word! Give us the confidence to live fully within your grace!

***OPENING HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life "

UMH #600

INVOCATION

Carolyn Burrows

Leader: O Lord, prepare us for the trials that lay ahead.

People: Awaken us to your Wisdom and to your unconditional love.

Leader: Prod us out of our comfort zones, so we may grow in your Light.

People: Challenge us and push us beyond ourselves.

Leader: Move us out of our complacency. Make us willing to serve.

People: Help us to respond to your call and create in us your loving Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

O Lord, we confess to you our difficulties with your timing. In times of sorrow, we desire quick and easy solutions: and they are not there. We desire truth that comforts and is to our liking, but that doesn't always happen! We want what we want in our time and on our own terms, but it seems that we have no control of that either. O Spirit of Truth, open our hearts that we might understand our powerlessness and the need to rely upon your grace. From the great storehouse of your mercy, give us the strength to deal with our humanity, to forgive others and to accept your unconditional forgiveness. Help us to offer others the love and teachings of Jesus that you offer to us. Help us to be humble in your sight: so that our lives might be filled with your peace and joy. AMEN

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

**** PASSING OF THE PEACE

****CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

PSALTER READING Psalm 84 pg 804 (Red Hymnal)

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: **1 Kings 8:22-30**

Carolyn Burrows

(chair Bible OT pg. 312)

******HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Soldiers of Christ Arise"**

UMH # 513

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Rev. David F. Hurst

(chair Bible NT pg. 195)

SERMON: "THE PROPS OF FAITH"

Rev. David F. Hurst

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: "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"**

UMH # 569

(PLEASE BE SEATING FOLLOWING SINGING OF HYMN)

BENEDICTION

Leader: O Lord, help us to enjoy our lives assured of God's love and protection within us.

People: May God bless, defend, and keep us from all evil and temptation now and forevermore

**** invitation to stand if able

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Sherilyn and Chet Seklecki in memory of Sherri's Mother: Virginia Shea

Refreshments will be served in the Library following this mornings' service.

Schedule for Week of August 26th

Sunday, August 26th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, August 29th - Church Office Open 9am - 1pm

Thursday, August 30th - Church Council Mtg. 6:30pm

Schedule for Week of September 2nd

Sunday, September 2nd - Morning Worship 10:00am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Monday, September 3rd - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 5th - Church Office Open 9am - 1pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Council Meeting - Thursday, August 30th - 6:30pm. This meeting is an open meeting to all church members. It is the hubbub committee meeting that discusses our church related activities, financial decisions, worship and other miscellaneous conversation. We welcome you to join us.

**Please be sure to sign up to make something yummy for our Fellowship Time following morning worship. The sign up sheet is located on the Library Table.

**Also - Please feel free to sign up for a Sunday Altar Flowers. Signup is located on the bulletin board as you enter the Library.

****Fair Baking** - Items for roll and pie baking for the fair are on the clothesline. We will be baking on Saturdays September 22nd and 29th and Saturday, October 6th. (three weekend Saturdays in a row - get rolls and pies done!)

****Upper Room** for September / October are on the "Table of Opportunity"

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY AUGUST 26, 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 this our journey.