

Order of worship

September 2, 2018

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION - (*Upon entering Sanctuary, please be in quite prayer / meditation.*)

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the confidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

OPENING WORDS

Dot Lambert

******CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God of all people, of all times and places, let us gather before you and open our hearts so that we might feel your presence and a sense of gratitude for the your precious gifts given to us through Christ.

People: Let us bow in prayer and praise God. Let us hear the Word in sermon.

Leader: As we celebrate Holy Communion let us positively know that we are all welcome at the Lord's table.

People: For God walked among us in Christ, so that we will all receive his grace and unconditional love.

Leader: So let us sing of the wonderful creation in which we live, let us hear the Word of God and find in our hearts the courage to love others as He has loved us..

******OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"**

UMH # 545

INVOCATION

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Leader: O dear Lord, come into our presence so that we might praise you.

People: Come to us Lord, so that we might hear your word and live our lives with honesty, fairness and good humor.

Leader: Instill in us a sense of your love; that will be reflected in the ones we love.

People: Keep us patient and aware, tolerant and kind. Help us to hold true to that which we know is right. Guide us in all our days and help us to be grateful for the gifts of your Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Thomas Merton]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: My Lord God, we have no idea where we are going.

People: We do not sense the road ahead of us.

Leader: And the fact that we think we are following your will does not mean we are actually doing so.

People: But we do believe that the desire to please you; does in please you!

Leader: Therefore we will trust you always, though we may be lost or in the shadow of death.

People: We will not fear, for you are ever with us. And you will never leave us to face our struggles alone.

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 and faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

PSALTER READING: Psalm 72 pg. 795-96 (Red Hymnal)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*****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: Deuteronomy 4: 1-9

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(Chair Bible OT pg. 160)

******HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Grace Alone"**

FWS # 2162

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

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(Chair Bible NT pg. 229)

SERMON: "JUST DO IT!"

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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

Thanksgiving and Communion

We celebrate an open Communion Table.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

******PARTING HYMN: "He Lives"**

UMH # 310

(please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us: forgive our sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ

People: Strengthen us and help us to find in you, O God, our goodness and our willingness to love one another. May we share with others; the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN!

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers this morning are given by Adrienne Cooper in honor of Parent's Anniversary (Art and Judy Cooper)!

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

Schedule for Week of September 9th

Sunday, September 9th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Monday, September 10th - Mission Committee Mtg. 3:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Change of dates for Roll and Pie Baking

Roll Baking - Thursday and Friday - September 27th and 28th

Pie Baking - Thursday, October 11th.

Ingredients are needed for baking - Please be sure to take an ingredient card from the clothesline - all ingredients needed by Sunday, September 23rd.

**Upper Rooms for September/October are available on the Table of Opportunity.

**Please be sure to sign up for snacks during Fellowship Time (Library) and also there are Sunday's open for Altar Flowers. Sign up on Bulletin board as you enter Library.

**This Fall looks very empty for church activities / meetings. If you are interested in putting together a fun church activity or schedule a committee meeting, please fill out the pink 'Facility Use' form found to the right of the hall office door and then place it in the office door pocket.

** Upper Rooms for Sept/Oct on Table of Opportunity

**Sept / Oct Newsletters on Table of Opportunity - please take your copy today!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM

COMMUNION SUNDAY



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!