

Order of Worship
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2019 10:00am
***indicates to stand if able

MORNING MEDITATION

Practice doesn't make you perfect, It makes you realize you don't have to be! (Roland Small)

PRELUDE: "Ivory Palaces" (Bob Walters)

Nadine Shank

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joyce Monska

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here we are, once again dear Lord!

People: The world has turned to morning and now we turn to you.

Leader: As fall begins, the weather cools and we feel the energy of the cold,

People: Let your unfailing love, your ever-presence assure us each day that you guide us and never find us wanting.

Leader: Open our hearts to your love and care; so that we can live balanced, reasonable lives; guided and protected by the Holy Spirit.

People: In the beauty of this morning and in the joy of living each day, let us sing together, pray for this turbulent world and worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

*****OPENING HYMN: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**

FWS # 2151

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: O Lord come into our minds and hearts today and assure us of your strength and love.

People: May we pray and believe in you all the days of our lives, so that we are able to see the truth in our moments of frustration and anger. Speak to us, O God in our hectic and stressful lives.

Leader: O Lord help us to do what is right in life. May we learn through our temptations that your voice is clear and unmistakable. Help us to avoid the easy way out, so that we are more free to grow in our your image.

People: Fill us, O God, with your spirit and your blessing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O God, we come before you with full lives and minds. We seek your guidance and strength, for there are times that we are simply lost.

People: Help us to empty ourselves of our anxieties and fears; so that your loving Spirit might enter us.

Leader: Grant us the willingness to be humble; to seek out others who need our love and friendship. Help us to patient in all our encounters..

People: Help us to put away our prideful hearts that always seeks approval of others. Help us to confess our sin and faults, so that our relationship with you, O Lord; creates a balanced life, full of real joy and grace. Deliver us, Lord, forgive us our sins and keep us in your heart.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

Hear these comforting words; anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished; everything becomes fresh and new. Friends, believe in the promises of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **People: Thanks be to God!**

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***** CHILDREN'S TIME**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 14 (pgs.746-747-Red Hymnal)

Joyce Monska

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Orientale" (Cesar Cui)

Nadine Shank

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*****RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father"**

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-19

Joyce Monska

(Chair Bible New Testament page 208)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

UMH # 381

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: Luke 15 1-10

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(Chair Bible New Testament page 78)

SERMON: "Lost Sheep"

Rev. David F. Hurst

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate an open Communion Table - All are welcome at the Lord's Table

(Red Hymnal pgs. 15-16)

MINISTRY OF GIVING: "O Lord, Be Merciful"

Nadine Shank

*****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: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

UMH # 66

(please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: O precious and living God grant us your peace and serenity.

ALL: Let us now go in peace, seeking the favor of God so that our deeds may be not exalted here on earth, but rather in heaven, where the true reward is in the kingdom of God! AMEN

POSTLUDE: "Toccatina on Nettleton (Dennis Janzer)

Nadine Shank

Altar Flowers for Worship this morning are in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Sherry and Chet Seklecki.

Attendance for Sunday, September 8th: Adults: 21

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15th

Sunday, September 15th - Morning Worship (Communion) 10:00am

Sunday, September 15th - Fair Meeting immediately following worship 11:15am
(back Sunday School room)

Fellowship Time following Service - Library

Wednesday, September 18th - Office hours 8:30am - 1:30am

Saturday, September 21st - Bridge Club Tournament (Fellowship Hall) 10am - 7pm

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22nd

Sunday, September 22nd - Morning Worship - Joe DeGrande (Pastor David on vacation)

Fellowship Time following Service - Library

NOTICES

Fair Meeting this morning following worship (11:15am) - back Sunday School Room

Anyone interested in assisting during the fair should plan on attending.

Fair Baking - Ingredient cards for needed items are on the clothesline. Items need to be brought to church by Sunday, Sept. 22nd

Fair dates: Friday, November 15th: 4 - 8pm Saturday, November 16th: 9am - 2pm

Hurricane Relief: Envelopes have been included in your bulletins this morning to graciously request a donation in kind to aid the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Check or cash will be accepted. (make check payable to CUMC), be sure your name is on the front of the envelope and place in the offering plate. This is a taxable donation.

Living Nativity - Sunday, December 15th / 3-5pm Actors are still needed - There is a place for everyone to participate, costumes, greeters, parking helpers, diningroom helpers, so be sure to sign up today!! This cannot be done without help from you!

VACATION - Rev. David will be on vacation Sunday, September 22nd returning on Sunday, September 29th. Please contact Joe for any pastoral needs (413-237-6823)

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CUMMUNION SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Nadine Shank, Organist