

Order of worship

September 16, 2018

10:00AM

(Please enter Sanctuary in quiet prayer / meditation)

MORNING MEDITATION

"Re-examine all you have been told... Dismiss what insults your Soul."

Walt Whitman

OPENING WORDS

Nancy Harding

***CALL TO WORSHIP [based on a Ghanaian Hymn]

Leader: Wake up soul; come and praise God

People: All the animals wake up and praise God.

Leader: All those who fly wake up and praise God

People: Human soul, spring up and praise God.

Leader: Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH # 139

INVOCATION

Lay Person

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts so that we can celebrate your love in the covenant of church.

People: Awaken us, Almighty God to live life with fairness and caring for all creatures, great and small

Leader: Relieve us of our selfishness O God. Give us new vision to see the world around us.

People: O Lord, that we are just a part of your grand and wondrous creation

Leader: But yet come to us this day so that we might feel your presence and bask in your infinite and unconditional love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O heavenly God, we come to you in prayer. Let your Spirit flow within us so that we see our defects and transgressions clearly.

People: Help us, O God, not to become so self-centered that we hide our sins deep within us; never to confess or share with a trusted pastor or mentor.

Leader: Keep us in your love, O Redeemer, so that we can make our misfortunes into gifts of growth in the spirit.

People: Help to admit our wrongs promptly, showing love and concern to those we have hurt. Forgive us, O loving God for we are your flock and your creation.

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 sincerity and deepening 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 116 Red Hymnal pgs. 837-838

Nancy Harding

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 LESSON:First Lesson - Proverbs 1:20-33

Nancy Harding

(Chair Bible OT pgs. 584-585)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH # 526

SCRIPTURE LESSON:Second Lesson - James 3:1-12

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(chair NT Bible NT pg. 230)

SERMON: "Love and Responsibility"

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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 "We, Thy People Praise You"

UMH # 67

(vs. 1 & 2 then repeat vs. 1)

BENEDICTION

Leader: O God, guide and protect us as go about our lives.

People: Help us to share our faith with others. Help us to model Christ's love and fairness in all our encounters.

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Rebecca Parsons in honor of September Birthday of Dana, Youko, Sandy, Erika and Rebecca.

Last Sunday there were 25 adults and 3 children in attendance.

Schedule for Week of September 16th

Sunday, September 9th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Bible Study "Exploration of the Soul". Pastor's Office 11:30am

Schedule for Week of September 23rd

Sunday, September 23rd - Morning Worship 10:00am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Thursday, September 27th - Roll Baking 8:30am

Friday, September 28th - Roll Baking 8:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, September 23rd - last Sunday for donations of baking supplies.

There are a few cards still on the clothesline for items needed for baking, please take one if you haven't already.

**Deadline for the donation of baking supplies is next Sunday the 23rd.

Roll baking will take place on Thursday 9/27 and Friday 9/28 (8:30am)

Sign up next Sunday to help with the baking.

**Please be sure to sign up (Library table) to make snacks for Fellowship Time following morning worship.

**Altar Flowers: Sign up for an open Sunday Service through December.

**Bible Study is in its' 2nd week of 6 sessions titled "Exploration of the Soul". Please feel free to attend if you wish. Always room for more!

**Bulletin Insert: If anyone is interested in attending a course for the opportunity to become a Lay Servant, please fill out the inserted registration form and turn it into the church office by next Sunday the 23rd. You need to be able to attend both sessions (October 6th and 20th) The church will pay the Registration Fee for you.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



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.