

Order of worship

September 23, 2018

10:00am

(Please enter the Sanctuary in quite prayer / meditation)

*** Indicates to Stand

MORNING MEDITATION

Upon this, he saw; that when he was of anger and knew hurt or felt fear; it was because he was not understanding. And he learned compassion.

Mike Pinder, the Moody Blues, the Balance

Art Cooper

OPENING WORDS

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I love the Lord for my voice has been heard. My requests have been made known.

People: I call upon the Lord, for God gives me strength and confidence.

Leader: I love the Lord for he is gracious, righteous and merciful.

People: I call upon the Lord for God gives me a sense of peace. God shows me a much wider perspective of life.

Leader: I love the Lord for he delivers me time and time again from the problems and predicaments of each day.

ALL: I call upon the Lord as long as I live, for God is good and his covenant is ever-lasting.

***OPENING HYMN " Lord, I Want to be a Christian " UMH # 401

INVOCATION

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Leader: O Lord, open our hearts! Let us celebrate your love in the covenant of our church and through all those we encounter in life.

People: Help us not to become introspective and think that life is all about us.

Leader:

Relieve us of our selfishness and give us new vision with which to see the world around us.

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

Leader: Refresh us, O God! Come to us this day so that we can feel your intimacy and infinite, unconditional love.

People: Let us feel your presence in our loves; and act upon your voice. In Jesus' name we pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Holy and generous God, we open our hearts to your all seeing, all knowing presence.

People: You are the giver of all good things, sent from heaven above.

Leader: Teach us not to be takers of what is not ours; but rather be generous to share and help those less fortunate.

People: Teach us to respect the bounty of the earth and not to take advantage of the abundance that is around us in great measure.

Leader: O Lord, forgive us our sins both of omission and commission. Help us to speak for and protect those who are abandoned or alone.

People: O Lord, may our actions be reflected in the ones that we love. Give us the willingness to be an example of the Giver of all Good things.

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 1 (Red Hymnal pg 738)

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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 - Proverbs 31: 1-31

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(Chair Bible OT pgs. 613-614)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH # 175

SCRIPTURE READING: Second Lesson - Mark 9: 30-37 Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible NT pg. 45)

SERMON: "FIRST TO SERVE"

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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH # 664

(Please be seated following singing of hymn)

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 fairness and Christ's love in all our encounters.

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers this morning are given in Memory of Ralph Dickinson by Joe and Beth (Dickinson) DeGrande.

Last Sunday's attendance was: 29 Adults and 2 children

Schedule for Week of September 23rd - September 29th

Sunday, September 23rd - Morning Worship 10:00am
Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am
Fair Christmas Craft - Tree decorating - 11:15am (lower level)
Thursday, September 27th - Roll Baking 8:30am
Friday, September 28th - Roll Baking 8:30am

Schedule for Week of September 30th-October 6th

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIR BAKING - see Pam

TODAY is the last Sunday for ingredient donation for baking the dinner rolls. There are two cards left on the clothesline - if someone would like to take them - the ingredients can be brought to the church office on Monday 9/24 between 10am - 1pm. Sign up for baking on 9/27 and 9/28 is on the Library Table. (8 people are needed for each day).

PUPPETRY TRAINING - see Joyce Monska

Sunday, October 14th (1 - 3pm) here at CUMC. Rev. Bruce Arbour will be doing a puppetry training course for those of us already Puppeteers and those who would like to join our puppeteer group. We have a lot of fun - come and join us and see what it is all about!! More info to follow.

ALTAR FLOWERS, FELLOWSHIP TIME SNACKS

Remember to sign up!

UPPER ROOMS

There are plenty of Upper Room Booklets on the 'Table of Opportunity' found in the front foyer near the front door.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
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.