

Order of worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2019 10:00am
*(*** indicates to stand if able)*

MORNING MEDITATION

Wealth is like a snake, which is harmless if a person knows how to take hold of it. But if he does not, it will coil around his hand and bite him! St. Clement

PRELUDE: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Bob Walters)

**Nadine Shank
Art Cooper**

WORDS OF WELCOME

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here we are, once again dear Lord!

People: You have bathed the world 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-present assurance guide us and never find us wanting.

Leader: Open our hearts to your love and care so that we live balanced lives through the Holy Spirit.

People: Let us sing together, pray as one and worship God with joy, knowing that God loves us and promises us salvation.

*****OPENING HYMN: "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"**

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INVOCATION

Leader: O God, we come before you with full lives and minds. We seek your guidance and strength.

People: Empty us of our anxieties and fears; so that we are filled with your loving Spirit.

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

People: Help us to put away our prideful hearts that always seeks approval; so that our relationship with you, O Lord will create in us a soul of living grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Everlasting God we have not lived as your people.

People: We seem to serve many masters; work, wealth, power and addictions; yet there is no real satisfaction in them.

Leader: We hear the cries of the needy and shut the doors of our minds and hearts

People: Forgive us, O God! Repair our brokenness. Make us healthy, so that in our healing we can bring love and understanding to others, even as our Savior Jesus Christ brought these gifts to us, opening our minds to all the possibilities of creation.

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**

***** PRESENTATION OF BIBLES - Caitlyn Nomakeo, Jonathan Cooper, Zachary Morrey, Alexis Morrey, Hannah Routhier, Alejandro Bustamante, Jonathan King**

PSALTER READING: PSALM 146 (pgs.858-859 red hymnal)

Art Cooper

SPECIAL MUSIC: 'Waltz' (Johannes Brahms)

Nadine Shank

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

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

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Jeremiah 32: 1-15

Art Cooper

(Chair Bible Old Testament pg. 736)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

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SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: Luke 16: 19-31

Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible New Testament pgs. 79-80)

SERMON: 'SURPRISING INVESTMENT'

Rev. David F. Hurst

OFFERTORY: 'Come Unto Him' (James P. Dunn)

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: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**

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BENEDICTION

Leader: May our lives be filled with God's mercy and God's infinite love!

ALL: Let us go in peace, seeking the favor of God so that our deeds may not be exalted here on earth, but rather in heaven. May we respond to the call for justice and inclusion in all our doings.

POSTLUDE: 'Bol'ero de Concert' (Louis Lefebure-Wely)

Nadine Shank

Attendance for Sunday, September 22nd - Adults 25

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29th

Sunday, September 29th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Fellowship Time to Follow in Library honoring our youth
Wednesday, October 2nd - Church Office Hours 9am - 1pm
Thursday, October 3rd - Finance / Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
Saturday, October 5th - Fair Roll Baking 8:30am

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6th

Sunday, October 6th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Fellowship Time to Follow in Library
Sunday, October 6th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:10am
Wednesday, October 9th - Church Office Hours 9am - 1pm
Wednesday, October 9th - Mutual Ministry Meeting 10:00am
Library

NOTICES

CARDS FOR CLAIRE AND BILLIESUE - Cards are on the Library table!
Please, Please be sure to sign these cards following this mornings' worship.

BUSTAMANTE FAMILY - This family needs our help! Beginning October 1st, They need help with after school play time, take them to the park, to get an ice cream or play in backyard - maybe a few times a week. More importantly, they need help receiving some prepared simple meals (they enjoy most everything). Please sign up to do what you can do to help them. (Library sign-up)
THIS MORNING you found an envelope for a donation to the Bustamante family for expenses incurred during this medical time for Eduardo. Please give!
You may place your envelope in the offering plate this morning.

BIBLE STUDY - Rev. David will begin a new Bible Study series next Sunday, October 6th at 11:15am in his office.

CUMC Annual District Conference - Wednesday, October 23rd / 6:00pm (Library)
This is an annual open meeting for all members of CUMC. Committee reports need to be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, October 16th via email to the church or hard copy.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**



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

*"Our mission is to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill
God's will through spiritual Growth, Education, Worship and Fellowship.
We express Faith through service to others."*

"We welcome you to join us in this our Journey"