

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**



**Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor**  
Music Director, Pam Kukucka

*"Our mission is to become disciples of Christ and to fulfill God's will through spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship. We express our faith through service to others. We welcome all to join us in this journey."*

### **Meetings / Gatherings week of October 15th:**

Today, Bible Study with Pastor David - 11:15am church office  
Sunday, October 29th - 12:15pm - Youth Group  
Wednesday, November 1st - 11:30am - Bridge Club  
Thursday, November 2nd - 9am - Noon - Card Making with Kathy Mantler  
Friday, November 3rd - 7pm - Annual Church Conference with  
Superintendent David Calhoun  
Saturday, November 4th - 11am - 5pm - Bridge Club

### **Future Meetings / Gatherings / Dates to Remember**

Monday, November 6th - Worship Meeting - 11am  
Wednesday, November 8th - Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm  
Sunday, November 12th - 11:15am - Bible Study (pastor's office)  
Friday, November 17th - Church Fair 4 - 8pm  
Saturday, November 18th - Church Fair 9am - 2pm  
Sunday, November 19th - Thanksgiving Sunday

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Office Hours week of 10/29 - Wednesday, November 1st 9am - 5pm

## Order of worship

October 29, 2017

10:00am

### MORNING MEDITATION

“You may be certain that as a spiritual pilgrim you are going to get lost. The quest for the Spirit begins when we stop pretending and accept our confusion and insecurity.”  
Sam Keen

### PRELUDE:

**WORDS OF WELCOME  
JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Joyce Monska*  
*Rev. David F. Hurst*

### \*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP [based on Psalm 90]

Leader: O Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout the generations. Awaken us to that inner voice that loves us without exception.

**People: Before the mountains were born, before you created the earth, you are our everlasting God.**

Leader: Open our hearts, Great Counselor, that we might gain a measure your Wisdom.

**People: Let our deeds outside this peaceful church, show others that we are your children.**

**All: Let us worship together and may the favor of God rest upon us each day.**

### \*\*\*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"

UMH # 596

### INVOCATION

*Joyce Monska*

Leader: O Lord come into our hearts this morning, that we might worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Give us your attention and your awareness.

**People: Touched us with your Holy Spirit; that we might feel your presence and respond with love to those less fortunate.**

Leader: Grant us your peace, as this tumultuous world moves and changes. Give us the courage and strength to live with those who demand attention.

**People: O Lord as we grow, help us to teach others of our experience with your precious love. Help us to teach and hand down our knowledge and witness of God's Spirit to the generations to come.**

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION [in Unison]

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

**O heavenly God, we are certain that our lives are imperfect. We wander. We say and do the wrong things for the wrong reasons. Forgive us, O God, let our character defects and faults be a source of learning and revelation. Help us to learn from our transgressions, so that we might repeat them. Made aware of our limitations, so that we grow in faith and find peace in your loving hands. Amen**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who in your mercy, we are promised forgiveness. Help us to accept your love so that we might change. Strengthen us, that we will follow your Will. Through the love and blessing of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God**

### \*\*\*PASSING THE PEACE of CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S TIME

*Eduardo and Children*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 90 (Hymn Book page 809-810)

*Susan Routhier*

Pastoral Prayers:

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

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

UMH # 71

*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

*Susan Routhier*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (pew Bible OT page p156-157)

### \*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Take Time to be Holy"

UMH # 395

Scripture Reading/Second Lesson:

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

Matthew 22:34-46 (pew Bible NT page 25)

Sermon: "Generations of Love"

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

Ministry of Giving

"Let Your Love Freely Grow"

CUMC Choir

\*\*\***Doxology**

UMH # 94

*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

### \*\*\*CLOSING HYMN " God be With You "

UMH # 672

*(please be seated after singing of hymn)*

### BENEDICTION

Leader: O God may we always be touched by your presence in our lives. May we find grace and love from You and those around us.

**People: O Lord may the day bring joy and peace. Many our weeks bring harmony and understanding. May our years bring Your Wisdom to share your Word with all those whom we encounter.**

### POSTLUDE

\*\*\* *indicates to stand if able*