

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Roxie Pin's Birthday by her Mom.

Birthday Sunday today - Happy Birthday to: Roxie Pin and Carol Noble
(if anyone is interested in being honored the month of their birthday - (see Pam)

11:15am - Bible Study in Pastor's office.

*Coffee Hour will be in the Library directly following this morning's worship.

*We welcome this morning Rich Hart from the Northampton Cot Shelter. Please be sure to welcome and speak to him during coffee hour.

*Two additional Lay Readers are needed to assist during morning worship - (see Pam)

*Cot Shelter needs will be accepted through Sunday, October 29th.

MEETINGS / CHURCH EVENTS WEEK OF 10/8

Wednesday, October 11th - 10:30am Worship Committee

Wednesday, October 11th - 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.

Saturday, October 14th - 8am Fair Roll Baking (Sign up in Library)

IMPORTANT MEETINGS / EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, October 15th-Shelter Sunday-Envelopes for monetary donations will be available

Sunday, October 15th - 11:15am Fair Meeting - main floor classroom

Monday, October 16th - Bishop's Day - Trinity Church/Spfld, reservations must be made
(www.neumc.org/ctwma)

Monday, October 16th - Finance/Trustee Mtg 6:30pm

Saturday, October 21st - 8am - Fair Roll Baking (Sign up in Library)

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Friday, October 20th-Deadline for all Committee Reports due for Annual Church Charge Conference Meeting

Monday, October 23rd - Deadline for November / December Newsletter

Friday, November 3rd - 7pm CUMC Annual all congregation Charge Conference
with District Superintendent David Calhoun

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Rev. David F. Hurst (413) 426-6031 - feel free to call anytime for appointment

Office Hours week of 10/8: Today - 9am - 5pm, Monday; 10/9 call for appointment

Wednesday: 10/11 9am - 5pm stop in or call for appointment

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Sunday, October 8, 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."

Order of worship

October 8, 2017

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION

“As I draw nearer to you, O God, help me to find your Presence in each moment. May your Spirit surge within me, so I might walk through this world with grace and dignity, serving others and sharing your Wisdom. Anonymous

Prelude

Joyce Monska

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Joys and Concerns (Coordinator Rick Hart from the Cot Shelter) Rev. David F. Hurst

*****Passing the Peace of Christ**

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joyce Monska

Leader: The Lord is our strength, our friend and our redeemer.

People: Our God has become our salvation; our answer to the things that we cannot fathom.

Leader: Come let us sing to the Lord, let us open our hearts and praise His name.

People: Life happens in unpredictable and strange ways.

Leader: The world is filled with dangers, fears, and violence, but he find solace in your lovely hands.

*****OPENING HYMN - "Come Christians, Join to Sing"**

UMH 158

INVOCATION

Leader: O dear God come into our worship; lead us, move us and grant us your salvation.

People: O Lord, draw near to us; calm us when we pray.

Leader: O God, grant us a clearness of mind, where we can understand your strength. Give us the courage to be kind and loving to all those whom we encounter.

People: O Lord, be our bond and our refuge, both now and in the days ahead. In you,

O Lord we can rely.

Leader: Through your steadfast love you have redeemed us.

People: Through your infinite love you have forgiven us. Help us to celebrate your love and find grace in living each day.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION [in Unison]

We confess, O Lord, that there are so many ways to spend our time and energy. Help us, not to take the easy way out of relationships, and other challenges. Forgive us, when we fail to distinguish between what is good and what best. Help us not to resist change that comes anyway. Forgive us, for those sins that we are aware of at this moment, but awaken us to those “compromising things” that are a part of our daily routine that we might not notice unless we are aware. Help us to embrace your love and guidance, so that we might follow your path more fully.

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Eduardo Bustamante and kids

*****Psalter Reading: Psalm 19 UMH pg 750**

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

Exodus 20:1-20 (*pew Bible OT pgs 66 & 67*)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION "Immortal, Invisible"**

UMH # 103

Scripture Reading / Second Lesson:

Rev. David F. Hurst

Matthew 21:33-46 (*pew Bible NT pgs 23 & 24*)

Sermon: "Question Authority, Trust God"

Ministry of Giving

"Come Now"

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 gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

*****CLOSING HYMN "We've a Story to tell to the Nations"**

UMH # 569

*****COMMISSIONING**

Leader: As we have been blessed by God, let us go through our week, sharing our blessing with others.

People: Lord, May we be confident and strong; instill in us Your Wisdom so that we cope with the changes and make the most of our lives.

*****PARTING SONG: "God Be With You" (vs. 1)**

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