

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

### Order of worship

October 28, 2018

10:00am

#### MORNING MEDITATION

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us... If anyone has material possessions and sees someone else in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in them?  
1 John 3:16-19

#### PRELUDE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy Harding

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* O Lord, as we come into Sunday Worship and we chat; and we feel so very much at home; instill in us a sense of gratitude for our church, for its congregation and our community.

**People: O God, help us to be good stewards of ourselves, our families and which we care about.**

*Leader:* As we hear the word of God, we sing and we pray; help us to be aware of how it all comes together..

**People: O Lord, open our hearts and minds, so that we become good stewards of our church and our spiritual lives.**

*Leader:* Let us through Christ be stewards of our world, our society and the traditions of giving and sharing our faith and love for others.

**ALL: O Lord, give us the confidence and the willingness to share, to care and to pray for your infinite grace. Grant us your blessing. Thank you for the gift of you Son, Jesus Christ.**

**\*\*\*OPENING HYMN: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord**

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#### INVOCATION

Nancy Harding

*Leader:* O Lord come into our hearts and minds this day, so that we might worship you with joy and awareness.

**People: As we sing, praise and listen to your Word, help us to see and understand our mysteries that surround us.**

*Leader:* May we come to know you, O Son of God and love you;

**People: Through your Spirit and grace open us to a deeper understanding of service and generosity. Fill us with confidence and assurance that we might practice what we preach.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In Unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

**Loving God, Searcher of our souls, you know our longings and our fears. Open our hearts! Help us to be willing to confess our transgressions and make amends. Keep us in communion with others; so that isolation and self pride does not trap us into doubting your Wisdom. Guides us to do the right things in life. Keep us clear in mind and speech so that we discover our false humility and foolish pride. Give us the grace to follow your path and to build a church of love and unity with those who would come to our doors. In the name Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. David F. Hurst

Through faith and through your infinite mercy, thank you God for your forgiveness, your second chances and your infinite, unconditional love. **People: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*\*\* CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 126 (Pg.847-Red Hymnal)

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#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

**\*\*\*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: Job 42 1-6, 10-17**

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( Chair Bible OT pg. 488)

**\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

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**SCRIPTURE READING-Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52**

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(Chair Bible NT pg. 47)

**SERMON: "Take Heart! Rise! Serve God!"**

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 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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(please be seated following singing of hymn)

#### ANNUAL PLEDGE for 2019

#### BENEDICTION

*Leader:* In Jesus, all wrongs can be made right!

**People: In Christ, all hurts can be healed**

*Leader:* In our Lord all hearts can find a home.

**People: In the Son of God, all people can know hope.**

*Leader:* So go and serve God. Find faith and love in all that you do!

#### POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers - Sign up if you would like to have Worship Service flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Last Sunday's attendance was

**Meetings / Gatherings week of October 28th.**

Sunday, October 28th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, October 31st - Office Hours (9am - 2pm)

Thursday, November 1st - Finance Mtg. 6:30pm

**Meetings / Gatherings week of November 4th.**

Sunday, November 4th - Morning Worship (Communion) 10:00am

Bible Study - Pastor's Office 11:30am

Wednesday, November 7th - Office Hours (9am - 2pm)

Thursday, November 8th - Annual Charge Conference 7:00pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*UMW Student Study / Snack Boxes - Hi-lighters, pens, pencils, post-it notes, coffee singles, popcorn, power bars, tea bags, instant cocoa are some ideas of items that can be contributed. The collection will go through Sunday, November 11th with a box on the 'Table of Opportunity'. Also, if you know of a College Student within in our church family or your immediate family, please fill out the orange card located on the 'Opportunity' table and place it inside the donation box.

\*\*See Insert for Information on Annual Charge Conference and Fair Update.

There is still room on the back of Sunday Bulletins to list more announcements. Just email the details to the church office at: [christnorthampton@gmail.com](mailto:christnorthampton@gmail.com)

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# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018  
WORSHIP SERVICE 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!

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

TIME: 7:00PM

LOCATION: CHURCH LIBRARY

IMPORTANT FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS  
TO ATTEND AS WE PRESENT OUR CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR

THIS PAST YEAR 2018 AND PRESENT THE CHURCH GOALS FOR  
THE COMING 2019 YEAR.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU  
ON NOVEMBER 8TH.

HOLIDAY FAIR UPDATE

DATES: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14TH TABLES MAY BE DECORATED.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15TH - TABLES MAY BE DECORATED.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16TH-am-COMplete TABLE DECORATING.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - HOLIDAY FAIR OPEN 4 - 8PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - HOLIDAY FAIR OPEN 9AM - 2PM

UMW STUDENT GOODIE BOXES

REMEMBER ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH OR 11TH TO BRING IN

YOUR DONATION(S) FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ENJOY  
WHILE STUDYING FOR THEIR MID-TERM EXAMS.