

**Meetings / Gatherings week of November 5th.**

Sunday, 11/5 - Bible Study 11:15am (pastor's office)  
Monday, 11/6 - Worship Meeting 11am  
Wednesday, 11/8 - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

**Future Meetings / Dates to Remember**

Week of 11/13 - Fair Set Up  
Friday, November 17th - Church Fair 4 - 8pm  
Saturday, November 18th - Church Fair 9am - 2pm  
Sunday, November 19th - Thanksgiving Sunday  
Sunday, December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

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anytime for appointment  
Office Hours week of 11/5: Monday, November 6th - Office Hours 10am - 1pm  
Wednesday, November 8th-Office Hours 9am-5pm

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**Sunday, November 5, 2017  
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 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

November 5, 2017

10:00 am

### MORNING MEDITATION

We all long to be closer to God. But that requires something simple and over-looked- the willingness to be still.” Drew Dyck

### PRELUDE

### OPENING WORDS

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Art Cooper  
Rev. David F. Hurst

### \*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Art Cooper

Leader: Blessed are those who seek the Word of God with their whole heart.

**People: Help us to love your Word; O Lord, and to apply your Wisdom to our daily lives!**

Leader: God's Holy Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**People: Teach us, Lord, that through your love we need not be ashamed. We need not fear! Nor do we need to accept things as they are.**

Leader: For we are all welcome to the Lord's Table and into the Kingdom of God.

### \*\*\*OPENING HYMN "Christ for the World We Sing"

UMH # 568

### INVOCATION

Leader: O dear Lord, abide with us today and each day, so that our lives might be more open to change. Help us to rely upon your power and your loving grace.

**People: For we know that Lord is good and God's loving kindness is forever. God will never fail or forsake us.**

Leader: O dear Lord open our hearts that we might share our gifts with those around us: that we might understand the value of church and community.

**People: For the Lord will give us the strength we need to do the things we are called to do.**

**All: O Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Lord help us to open our hearts and listen to that small voice within us.

**People: Forgive us Lord when we just chatter, so as not to think too much and not to really feel how life challenges can be met and resolved.**

Leader: Grant us your peace and your salvation.

**People: Forgive us Lord for allowing the illusions of innocence to shape our futures and to live frozen in time.**

Leader: Lord, be our strength and our redeemer; for it through your grace that we are forgiven

**People: When we seek God, we are found, When we confess, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all transgressions.

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

*Psalter Reading: Psalm 107 UMH p830*

Sherry Seklecki

Pastoral Prayers

Rev. David F. Hurst

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: Joshua 3:7-17 (chair bible OT pg 195-196) Sherry Seklecki

\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

UMH # 430

Scripture Reading / Second Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12 (chair bible NT pg 25)

Rev. Hurst

Sermon "Bonfire of the Vanities"

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

Thanksgiving and Communion (*insert*)  
We celebrate an open Communion Table  
All are welcome at the Lord's Table

\*\*\*PARTING HYMN "Ye Servants of God"

UMH # 181

*(please be seated after singing of hymn)*

### BENEDICTION

Leader: May this time of worship strengthen us and make us one.

**People: Through all our stresses and strains, through all our celebrations and joys. May you, dear God go with us every day**

### POSTLUDE