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**This Weeks Happenings (11/12 - 11/17)**

Today, Sunday, Nov. 12th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:15am  
Wednesday afternoon/evening Nov. 15th - items for Holiday fair  
may be brought in and tables decorated  
Thursday afternoon/evening Nov. 16th - tables decorated  
Friday, Nov. 16th - Fair opens @ 4pm - 8pm  
Saturday, Nov. 17th - Fair opens 9am - 2pm

**Next Week (11/19 - 11/25)**

Sunday, Nov. 19th Thanksgiving Sunday - please bring in one non-parishable food item to the morning worship with you.

Thursday, Nov. 23rd - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017  
Worship Service 10:00am



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

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world."*

*Order of worship*

November 12, 2017

10:00am

**MORNING MEDITATION**

“Lord give me strength and awareness during bad times, so as to remind me to prepare well for life in the here and the hereafter.” Patricia Lorenz

**PRELUDE:**

**OPENING WORDS**

*Joyce Monska*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave to us the Wisdom and the freedom to choose our path.

**People: God creates in us the desire to love, to care, and to be curious about our life and faith.**

Leader: God yearns for our attention. Always near, God cares for us through his love. God urges us to improve our lives and the quality of our faith.

**People; So God help us to be aware, to be grateful and hopeful; always careful to plan ahead and to be responsible for our lives.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts and worship God. Let us know through his blessed love, we all a part of his grace.

**All: Let us rise and sing and be joyful in The Lord!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Song"**

UMH # 437

**INVOCATION**

*Joyce Monska*

Leader: Lord, open our hearts, come into our lives, so that we might be a part of your salvation.

**People: Our souls thirst for you, O God, for you are the living God within us!**

Leader: Help us to focus upon your purpose. Help us to keep our balance and not be overwhelmed by the demands of the secular world.

**People: Renew us this morning; always trusting in God and grateful for his help and salvation.**

Leader: O God, we come to you, this morning to find our way; remembering to keep you at the core of our being.

**People: Help us to be joyful! Give us the strength to worship and find peace in our lives! Let us live together as One!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in Unison]**

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

**ALL: God, we are holy and loving, and we are glad to be your people. Yet we know that we do not always act like it. Forgive us for whatever hurt we have caused others. Forgive our greediness, and our taking advantage. Help us to treat others fairly. Help us not to act as if God does not made a difference in our lives**

**Assurance and Pardon**

Leader: To you and me is given the promise of Christ's forgiveness.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Eduardo and Children*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 78 (red hymnal pg. 799)

*Joe DeGrande*

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Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

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: Esslesiastes 3:1-16**

*Joe DeGrande*

(chair Bible OT pg. 616)

**\*\*Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" UMH #500**

**Second Lesson / Matthew 25:1-13** (chair Bible NT pg 28) *Rev. David F. Hurst*

**Sermon "Be Prepared! Live! Be Happy"**

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

**Ministry of Giving**

**\*\*Response**

UMH # 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures hear 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: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

UMH # 577

*(please be seated following singing of hymn)*

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: Lord, keep us mindful of your blessings and our responsibilities.

**People: Teach us anew, help us to be reminded of your grace! Grant us the willingness and confidence to share our faith with others in all that we do and say...**

**POSTLUDE**

\*\*indicates to stand if you are able