

Order of Worship
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019 10:00AM
(* indicates to stand if able)

MORNING MEDITATION

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops." Proverbs 3:9

PRELUDE - Nocturne Op.48, No.2 (Frederic Chopin)

Nadine Shank

WORDS OF WELCOME

Carolyn Burrows

Stewardship Moment

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carolyn Burrows

Leader: Let us come together and worship the one who has created us and sustains us throughout our lives.

People: Let us open our hearts so that we are able to accept in our deepest places of our being, the gifts that we have been given.

Leader: By his grace, let us become vessels of God's love and doers of his Word.

People: For God forgives, God reshapes and God blesses second chances. So as we waken, help us to be grateful! Help us to say thank you! Let us be filled with joy and laughter. Let us worship and live through the love of Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN: "My Hope Is Built"

UMH # 368

INVOCATION

Carolyn Burrows

Leader: O God of such great and wondrous love, come into our presence this morning, so that we are renewed in the Spirit and strengthened by your gracious power.

People: Fill our faint hearts, embolden us to live our lives to the fullest, and guide our thoughts and actions through that little voice within us.

Leader: Help us to understand the gift of giving, and the strength of humility, so that our lives will find a balance between self motivation and sharing with others.

People: Through all our acts of giving help us to know your goodness and to share your kindness and strength with those around us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O gracious God, giver of joy and hope, you offer us the beauty of the earth and hope for eternity.

People: We are grateful, dear Lord. Thank you! We love you, O God, but we know we don't love enough. You offer us guidance, but we fail to heed your Wisdom in word or deed. There is pain and despair, war and terror in the world that frightens us, but we seem to go about our lives without thought of the suffering. Lighten our burdens, Lord, for we need your Wisdom to do what is right. We pray that your peace remains and that we may share in a world that is constantly tempted by wrong motives and the arrogance of self-importance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who in your mercy, we are promised forgiveness. Help us to accept your love so that we can 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 OF THE PEACE**

WORD FOR ALL AGES

Rev. David F. Hurst

PSALTER READING: Psalm 98 (Red Hymnal pg. 818)

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson - Isaiah 65: 17-25

Carolyn Burrows

(Chair Bible Old Testament - pg. 696)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"**

UMH # 438

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson - Haggai 1: 3-11

Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible Old Testament - pg. 878)

SERMON: "Infinite Possibilities"

Rev. David F. Hurst

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

(Red Hymnal - pgs. 15-16)

We celebrate an open Communion Table - All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

MINISTRY OF GIVING: "The Lord is My Light" (Oley Speaks)

Nadine Shank

*****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: "The Trees of the Field"**

FWS # 2279

BENEDICTION

Leader: O Lord as we go forth from this place help us to love you and to love others.

People: Help us to give of ourselves, our time, our talents and our treasures. Help us, O God, to grow in faith and to remember that in You we attain eternal life.

POSTLUDE: "Four Pieces for Flute Clocks: Marche (Franz Joseph Haydn)

Nadine Shank

Flowers this morning are given by Peggy Ensor in honor of Jeannie Cooper.

Attendance for Sunday, November 10th - Adults 30 Children 2

Weekly Church Happenings - Week of November 17th

Sunday, November 17th - Morning Worship with Communion 10:00am
(Fellowship following service in Library)

Monday, November 18th - Cot Shelter Meal

Wednesday, November 20th - Office Hours 8:30am - 1pm

Tuesday Nov. 19 & Wednesday Nov. 20 - Bridge Club all day
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Nov. 23rd - Breast Cancer Survivors (Fellowship Hall) all day

Weekly Church Happenings - Week of November 24th

Sunday, November 24th - Morning Worship - Thanksgiving Sunday 10:00am
(Stewardship Sunday)

Wednesday, November 27th - Office Hours 8:30am - 1pm

Thursday, November 28th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH - THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - Bring a non-perishable food item to Church Service with you - to help our local food pantries. Items will be brought forward during our Worship Service.

BUSTAMANTE ENVELOPES - Available on Usher's Table. This will be an ongoing time of contributions.

LIVING NATIVITY - (Sunday, December 17th (4-6pm)) We are still in need of someone to offer to be Joseph, and two Wiseman. Doubles are also needed. Please see Peggy Ensor or Pam if you can help.

WEST SPRINGFIELD UMC DINNER/COMMUNION SERVICE

Inserted in this morning bulletin is an invitation from the United Methodist Women of West Spfld. UMC inviting us and other local UMC's to a Dinner to be held on Wednesday, December 11th. There will be a Communion Service with the offering benefiting the Springfield Rescue Mission. There will also be a sock, mitten, hat tree. Please read the enclosed invitation and let Virginia know by Sunday, December 1st if you are interested in attending.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

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Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Nadine Shank, Organist

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill
God's will through Spiritual Growth, Education, Worship and Fellowship.
We express Faith through service to others.
We welcome you to join us in this our Journey."*