

Order of worship
November 18, 2018 10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION *(Please be seated as you enter the Sanctuary in quite prayer.)*

"Then you better start swimmin'
or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin' " Bob Dylan

PRELUDE **Steven Monska**

WORDS OF WELCOME **Joe DeGrande**

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, we thank you for your blessings so constant that we forget to be thankful.
People: Grant us open minds and hearts. Speak to us and guide us in your, ever changing and challenging world.
Leader: O Lord we praise you. Let us count our blessings and give thanks for what has been given to us.
People: Lord may we be with you in Spirit. May we walk and share our lives with those around us.

*****OPENING HYMN " Come, Ye Thankful People Come" UMH # 694**
(during singing of hymn - please bring forward to the altar your food donation and place in basket)

INVOCATION **Joe DeGrande**

Leader: Gracious God, come to us this day and all days. Open our hearts that we might find in your grace the sense that we have being beyond ourselves.
People: Free us from our fears. Free us from worry and stress, Help us to accept unconditionally your unconditional love.
Leader: May the truth of Jesus rule our lives and may our faith hold us in the living God.
People: May his Light rule our hearts. And guide us to do the right thing when we are challenged with tough decisions. May we find peace in the name of Jesus who with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison] Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Gentle and loving God, we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. It refreshes our lives. It clears the decks of resentment and fear. It helps us to change and adjust to a future that we cannot control.
People: O Holy Light, We confess our fears, our lack of trust, and our inability to make the hard choices that real love requires. Help us to quickly admit when we are wrong and make amends where possible.
Leader: Forgive us when our motives are not true. Help us to be honest and forthright in all our dealings. May we know and admit our hesitation to say or do the right thing.

People: Look upon us with kindness, O God. Rule our hearts. Renew our faith by showing us your path through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Rev. David F. Hurst**
In Jesus Christ God knows and receives us as we are. Listen! Give thanks Know that we are loved and forgiven through God's grace. **People: Thanks be to God!**

***** CHILDREN'S TIME** **Eduardo and Children**
***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 16 (Red Hymnal pg. 748) **Joe DeGrande**
JOYS AND CONCERNS **Rev. David F. Hurst**
Pastoral Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

*****Response "Glory Be to the Father"**
*"Glory is 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 1 Samuel 2:1-10 **Joe DeGrande**
(Chair Bible OT pg. 244)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "We Gather Together"** **UMH # 131**

SCRIPTURE READING: Second Lesson Mark 13: 1-8 **Rev. David F. Hurst**
(Chair Bible NT pg. 50) (Mayflower Compact)
SERMON "The Times They Are A Changin'" Rev. David F. Hurst

MINISTRY OF GIVING "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (Sue Routhier, Joyce Monska, Nancy Harding and Dot Lambert)

*****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: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1,2,4 & 6) UMH # 92**

BENEDICTION
Leader: O God you have called us to faith. With the holidays approaching give us the strength to carry on with all the challenges of our lives.
People: Lord, give us courage enough to care! Fill us with confidence to do your will! Open us to share with others and include them in our lives.

POSTLUDE **Stephen Monska**

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Carolyn Burrows in memory of her mother Eleanor Bartholomew.

Attendance for Last Sunday was: Adults 34 Children 2
We welcome Stephen Monska as organist this morning.

Meetings Gathering for week of November 18th

Sunday, November 18th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Puppet practice at 11:30am (Sanctuary)
Monday, November 19th - cot shelter Meal
Wednesday, November 21st - Office Hours 9am - 2pm
Thursday, November 22nd - THANKSGIVING

Meetings Gathering for week of November 25th

Sunday, November 18th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Puppet practice at 11:30 (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, November 28th - Office Hours 9am - 2pm

THIS MORNING - If you brought in a donation of a non-parish food, please bring it forward to the Altar during the singing of the first hymn. Items will be donated to the Survival Center.

A LOT HAPPENING - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T FORGET ANYTHING FOR HANG THIS BULLETIN ON YOUR REFRIDGERATOR.

*****REMEMBER COT SHELTER MEAL** - November 19th is our meal for the Northampton Cot Shelter. If you signed up for a food contribution, please be sure to have it here at the church (if not this morning) by tomorrow. See Rochelle

*****UMW Student Snack Boxes** - Donation box is located on the 'Table of Opportunity'. Filling the boxes will take place next Sunday, November 25th in Fellowship Hall, following the worship service.

*****ADVENT READERS** - Needed for each Sunday of Advent beginning Sunday, December 2nd and also for our Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24th @ 7pm. Sign up at the Library table.

*****GIVING TREE** - Beginning Sunday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 16th, donations for the Survival Center of **Adult** Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Socks along with **Children's** P.J.'s of all sizes. Place your donation under the "giving tree" which will be located in the Sanctuary.

*****Annual Giving Statement** for Period Ending January - October 2018 are located on the Table of Opportunity. Please pick up yours this morning.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY



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!