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**Altar flowers this morning are given by Chet and Sherry Seklecki and family.**

**This Weeks Happenings (11/19-11/25)**

Today, Sunday, Nov. 19th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 11:15am  
Monday, Nov. 20th - Cot Shelter Meal  
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd - Bridge Club Mtg. Noon-5pm (fellowship hall)  
Thursday, Nov. 23rd - **THANKSGIVING DAY!!!**

**Next Week (11/26 - 12/2)**

Sunday, Nov. 26th - Bible Study (Pastor's Office) (11:15am)  
Sunday, Nov. 26th - Youth Mtg. 12:15 - 2:15pm (fellowship hall)  
Wednesday, Nov. 29th - Heart of the Valley Chorus Rehearsal 6:30pm  
(fellowship hall)  
Wednesday, Nov. 29th - CUMC choir rehearsal 6:30pm

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM**



Rev. David F. Hurst, Interim 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 joins us in this journey."*

## Order of Worship

**November 19, 2017**

(please enter the Sanctuary in quiet meditation)

**10:00 am**

### MORNING MEDITATION

“Be filled with the Spirit as you sing, making melody of the Lord in your hearts. Give thanks to God at all times and do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### PRELUDE:

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

*Dot Lambert*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Dot Lambert*

Leader: O God, Eternal Spirit, you have called us into relationship with you, to fulfill a mission whose meaning we dimly see.

**People: Grant us a secure sense of our identity as children of the promise. Distribute among us the gifts of faith and prayer, of love and hope, and of thanksgiving, that we may never cease to do thy will, nor cease to be generous with our love.**

Leader: O God, Make us willing and excited to share the good news with those around us.

**People: We thank you this day for creating us and giving us all that is necessary for life.**

**ALL: Help us to remember your gifts, that we might raise our voices in praise of lives filled with joy, humility and service.**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

*UMH #694*

**INVOCATION: [in unison]**

*Dot Lambert*

**Give us thankful hearts in this season of Thy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful for health and strength, for sun and rain and peace. Let us seize the day, and the opportunity, and strive for that greatness of spirit that measures life, not by its disappointments but by its possibilities. Let us remember that true gratitude and appreciation shows itself, neither in independence nor satisfaction, but passes the gift joyfully on in larger and better form.**

**Du Bois**

*W.E.B.*

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION [in Unison]**

*Rev. Davis F. Hurst*

**O gracious God, giver of joy and hope, you offer us the beauty of the earth and the hope for eternity. We are grateful. Thank you! We love you 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. We pray that your peace remains and that our thanksgiving for your gifts may be shared in a world of peace. 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 might 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 the Peace of Christ**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Eduardo and Children*

**Psalter Reading: Psalm 76 Red Hymnal pg797**

*Nancy Harding*

*Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayers:*

*The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]*

**\*\*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"*

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

*Scripture Reading / First Lesson: Thessalonians II 5:1-11*

*Nancy Harding*

*(chair Bible NT Pg 205)*

**\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION " The Gift of Love"**

*UMH # 408*

*Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 (chair Bible NT pg 29-30)*

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

**Sermon: "Seed Money"**

*Rev. David F. Hurst*

*Ministry of Giving*

**\*\*Response**

*UMH # 94*

*"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**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN "We Gather Together"**

*UMH # 131*

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: O God, Creator of all things, hear our prayers and accept our thanks and gratitude.

**People: Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Leader: As we go forth to family and dinners, let us be aware of those who are alone or who suffer in some way.

**People: May they too be included in our lives and festivities.**

Leader: For it is in the giving that we receive the gift of salvation.

**People: Let us rejoice and be grateful Thank you, God for all our days.**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*\*indicated to stand if you are able**