

Order of Worship
November 24, 2019 10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION

“If a person carries their cross beautifully and makes it radiant with the glory of a meek and gentle spirit, the time will come when the things that now disturb, will be the events from which one will give the most gratitude to God.”

PRELUDE: 'Six Variations on Nel cor pia non mi sento' (Beethoven)
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Virginia Ahart
******CALL TO WORSHIP** Joe DeGrande

Leader: From the depths of our beings, let a song of thanks arise! Let us praise God in thanksgiving.

People: O Lord, Thank you for the bread from our tables that energizes our bodies.

Leader: Thank you for the hope that enlarges our vision and pulls us through difficult times.

People: Thank you for your love that links us together and makes us more than we are by ourselves

Leader: Thank you for the laughter that softens our hurt. Thank you for passion which shapes our possibilities and broadens our minds to share the Truth with all God's people..

People: Thank you for this church and community

OPENING HYMN: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH # 694
(during singing of this hymn, please come forward to altar and place your food item in the basket)

INVOCATION Joe DeGrande

Leader: O dear Lord, you are my refuge and my strength. Come into our hearts this morning that we might be welcome in your house, your holy place which we have built for to reflect your love, inclusion and grace.

People: Awaken in us, O Divine Power, the courage to discover ourselves and to broaden our horizons. Give us the desire to make our wishes known and to see how we fit into this world of ours.

Leader: Lift up our hearts and fill us with joy, so we can respond to others with love and encouragement..

People: Lord instill in us that good sense of friendship of doing what is right and showing up for life and being part of God's Kingdom

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Gentle and loving God, help us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

People: O Son of God help us to face our fear and our loneliness, so that we confess freely our lack of trust, and our inability to make the hard choices that real love requires.

Leader: Help us to quickly admit when we are wrong and make amends where possible; so that our lives don't become a quagmire of resentment and squabble.

People: Look upon us with kindness, O God. Rule our hearts. Renew our faith by showing us how to walk with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all transgressions.

People: Thanks be to God

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***** A Word for All Ages**

Rev. David F. Hurst

PSALTER READING: Psalm 46

Joe DeGrande

(Red Hymnal pgs.780-781)

SPECIAL MUSIC: 'Venetian Gondola Song' (Mendelssohn)

JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

SCRIPTURE/First Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

Joe DeGrande

(Chair Bible New Testament pg. 200)

*****Hymn of Preparation: "We Gather Together" UMH # 131**

SCRIPTURE/Second Lesson: Mark 12: 41-44

(Chair Bible New Testament pg. 50)

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SERMON: "The Widow's Offering"

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MINISTRY OF GIVING: 'Intermezzo sinfonico' (P.Mascagni)

*****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

*****PARTNG HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH # 102**

(Please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Leap for joy! Work for the common good! Include others!

People: Stand fast in hope! Give thanks! Love one another!

POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" (John Behnke)

Flowers this morning are in honor of Gerri Shank given by Nadine Shank.

Attendance for Sunday, November 17th: Adults 32

Weekly 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 - THANKSGIVING DAY!

Weekly Happenings - Week of December 1st

Sunday, December 1st - Morning Worship (Communion) 10:00am

Sunday, December 1st - Mutual Ministry Luncheon following service

Wednesday, December 4th - Office Hours 8:30am - 1pm

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS TODAY - A 2020 Giving Card has been included with your bulletin to fill out and place in the offering plate this morning.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - A form is also included in today's bulletin for ordering your Christmas Flowers. This must be returned to Virginia with payment (payable to CUMC) no later than Sunday, December 8th.

LIVING NATIVITY (SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH (4 - 6PM)). We believe we have found all the actors needed, however if you would like to be a double, please let Peggy or Pam know. Next will be fittings for costumes. Those taking part will receive a call to schedule a time for a fitting, and then a dry run rehearsal will be at a date to be announced.

Nativity lawn signs are still available - if you would like to place one in your yard, please see Sue.

DINNER/COMMUNION SERVICE - WEST SPRINGFIELD

There is still time to reserve your space for the invitation to all women for a Dinner and Communion Service at United Methodist Church in West Springfield. This will be held on Wednesday, December 11th beginning at 6:00. Please let Virginia know if you would like to attend.

MUTUAL MINISTRY LUNCHEON - December 1st

Following service on Sunday, December 1st please join The Mutual Ministry Team for Lunch in Fellowship Hall at which time the church survey will be discussed.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPESUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2019
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY



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 in this our journey.