

Christ United Methodist Church

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

Sunday Morning Worship
October 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude		Pam Kukucka
Welcome of our Guests & Members		Art Cooper
**Opening Hymn	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	UMH #185
**Call to Worship	Based on Psalm 90:12-17	Art Cooper

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Many: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Many: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

One: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

Opening Prayer	Art Cooper
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Congregational Hymn	“Be Still my Soul”	UMH #534
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Cool Kidz Corner	Puppet Ministry
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Prayers of the People	Rev. Catharine A. Cummings
Call to Confession & Pardon	

Together: God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way.

O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, and our Savior. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

****Passing the Peace**

One: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Prayer of Illumination

"Lead Me Lord"

UMH #473

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makes me dwell in safety.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Virginia Ahart

Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #71

"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."

Preparatory Song

Pam Kukucka

Sermon

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Ministry of Giving

****Response**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

"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!"

Announcements

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Benediction

****Closing Hymn**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

UMH #402

Postlude

Pam Kukucka

***Please stand if able*

Bold print— Congregational participation

Announcements

Looking Ahead

- October 12 - 17 - Rev. Catharine on vacation and Sabbath Renewal
- October 18 - Alleluia Sunday At Wesley United Methodist Church (3-5pm)
- October 19 - Monday, Finance / Trustee meeting (6:30pm)
- October 22 - Thursday, Choir Rehearsal (6:15pm)
- October 23 - Friday, Card Making with Kathy Mantler - (5pm)

Fair Update

- *Holiday Fair - Friday / Saturday - November 20 and 21
- *October 31 - Pie baking for the fair - 8am
- *Attic Treasures - Please feel free to bring in items such as knick knacks, household small items (must be absolutely clean and in working order) and other tag type sale items. See Judy Cooper for more information.

Notes on hymn "Lord, I want to Be a Christian"

Many slaves embraced the religion of their owners. These slaves found hope and comfort in a merciful God who sent Moses to deliver the household of Israel out of bondage. Converted slaves became more excited about their religion when they encountered Jesus Christ and had sufficient cause to revere and savor passages such as Jn. 8:31b-32: "If you continue in my word, you are truly disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Such sentiment provided slaves with visions of a brighter tomorrow where ultimate release would occur. In contrast to many owners who practiced a part-time religion on Sunday with their mouths and tongues, converted slaves desired to practice a full-time religion every day with their hearts and minds. This spiritual is universally appealing, as it continues to speak to all practicing Christians with freshness.

Pastor: Rev. Catharine A. Cummings
Organist: Mrs. Pam Kukucka

Rev. Cummings is available for Pastoral emergency such as members in crisis, death, and sickness. You may contact her at the church office, 413.314.3405 voicemail, or email ccummings5@gmail.com.

FOR THE FALL FAIR (ATTIC TREASURES)

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE TABLES FOR SPECIAL TAG SALE ITEMS LIKE JEWELRY, KITCHEN AND DINING ITEMS, POCKETBOOKS, TOYS, BOOKS AND OTHERS. (NOT LARGE OR ELECTRONIC ITEMS.) WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM EARLY SO THEY CAN START BEING PRICED. IF YOU JUST LEAVE A BOX OR BAG, MARK IT FOR THE FAIR.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE JUDY COOPER or CAROLYN BURROWS