

Christ United Methodist Church

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

Sunday Morning Worship
October 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m.



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Opening Prayer

Lord, we come before you today and we thank You for all the blessings that You have given us. Many times our lives are so full of busy work that we neglect our relationship with You, for that we are sorry.

We know that You never neglect us, for if You did our very lives would cease to be. Continue to pull us to Yourself, guide us in our journey, and hold us close in Your bosom until the day we come home to be with You forever. Be with us now as we gather in Your name, may we feel your presence among us. In Jesus precious name we pray. Amen.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Stephen Monska

Welcome of our Guests & Members

Art Cooper

****Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

****Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 90:12-17

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Many: You stretch out the heavens like a tent. You set the beams of your chambers on the waters. You make the clouds your chariot.

One: You ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

Many: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

All: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the LORD!

Opening Prayer

Art Cooper

Congregational Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH #526

Prayers of the People

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Call to Confession & Pardon

Together: Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love. In the name of Jesus Christ you 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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Carolyn Burrows

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

Carolyn Burrows

****Closing Hymn**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

UMH #402

Benediction

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Postlude

Stephen Monska

***Please stand if able*

Bold print— Congregational participation

Announcements

All Church Clean Up— Outside!

All are welcome to join in cleaning up the front of the church on **Saturday, October 24 from 9:00am-Noon**. Bring your gloves, rakes, chain saws, and a smile. We appreciate everyone's support in this endeavor.

Looking Ahead

Today, October 18, 3:00-5:00pm	Alleluia Sunday! @ Wesley United Methodist Church
Monday, October 19, 6:30pm	Finance / Trustee meeting
Thursday, October 22, 6:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October, 5:00pm	Card Making with Kathy Mantler
Wednesday, October 28, 5-6pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) meeting

Fair Update

Holiday Fair - Friday / Saturday - November 20 and 21

Pie baking for the fair - October 31 8am

*Attic Treasures - Feel free to bring in items such as knick-knacks, small household items (must be absolutely clean and in working order) and other tag type sale items. See Judy Cooper for more information.

Save The Date

Equipping Church Leaders Resource Day with Bill Easum

Saturday, November 7, 9:00-4:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church | 361 Sumner Ave, Springfield, MA 01108

Bishop's Day - CTWMA District

Thursday, November 12, 1:45pm-5:00pm Clergy Session with Bishop Devadhar

5:00pm-6:00pm Dinner (Suggested donation: \$7); 6:00-8:00pm Laity & Clergy Session

First United Methodist Church | 8 Church St., Stafford Springs, CT 06076

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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.