

# Christ United Methodist Church

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**November 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m.**



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## Order of Worship

Prelude Pam Kukucka

Welcome of our Guests & Members Art Cooper

**\*\*Opening Hymn** "There's a Spirit in the Air" UMH #192, v. 1-6  
**\*\*Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 34

One: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Many: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**Many: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

One: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**Many: This poor soul cried out and was saved from every trouble.**

One: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**Many: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

One: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**All: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Opening Prayer Art Cooper  
Congregational Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393, 2 times

Prayers of the People Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Call to Confession & Pardon

**Together: Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.**

**We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the promise of the Lord: Those who love me, I will deliver. When you call me, I will answer. I will rescue you from danger and show you my salvation. Believe this good news: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Response: In the name of Jesus Christ we 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 42:1-6, 10-17

Joyce Monska

**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**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

Christ UMC Choir  
Descant by Sue Routhier

**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**

Joyce Monska

**\*\*Closing Hymn**

**"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"**

**UMH #465**

**Benediction**

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

**Postlude**

Pam Kukucka

*\*\*Please stand if able*

*Bold print— Congregational participation*

## Announcements

### Holiday Fair

On behalf of the Christ United Methodist Church, we want to thank everyone who came out, served, and supported our annual holiday fair. It was definitely a lot of fun and light enjoyed by all. There are still a few goodies left downstairs. All are welcome to check it out during our fellowship time immediately following service.

### Annual Church Conference

Monday, December 7 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. All are invited out to this worship service with Rev. Gary Richards. The SPRC will meet with our DS, Rev. Dr. David Calhoun on Saturday, December 12, 10:45 at South Hadley UMC.

### Prayers for our Sick and Shut in

Helen Balcanoff 26 Teaberry Lane Easthampton, 01027  
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Wilfred Burrows 346 Chicopee St. Willimansett, MA  
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