



CHRIST

United Methodist Church

Being and Making Disciples Of Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 23, 2022

400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach, FL 32266

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Order of Worship

**Please rise in body or spirit*

CHIMES

PRELUDE—"Come Thou Fount of every Blessing" arr. Johns

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Liturgist, Eileen Sloth

Due to the quick spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and to Duval County's rating of "severe" in its risk level of virus transmission, we will be requiring masks at our in-person worship services.

Children—While children of all ages are always welcome in our worship service, we offer childcare for infants through age 3. Upon exiting the main sanctuary doors, the nursery is the first room on the right.

A Church-wide Security Meeting will be held following the January 30th Worship Service. This vital training presented by Bob Strachan Chairperson of the CUMC Security Task Team will reinforce the best practices safety training presented two years ago by law enforcement agencies. This Security Training will only last 30 minutes and includes a question and answer period. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

Day Trippers will be going to K9s For Warriors, Monday, January 31, leave church at 10:00 meet at K9s For Warriors, 114 Camp K9 Road, Ponte Vedra at 11:00.. The tour is free but donations are welcomed. Dutch Treat lunch at Valley Smoke, For more info call Cindy Kastner 904-221-4103.

WANTED—Christmas Items you no longer need. Although there is no regular rummage sale planned at this time the UMW will have their annual Christmas Rummage at the Patch Sale. Please bring any Christmas items you care to donate to Wilson Hall by January 31st. We will take care of storing them.

NEXT Sunday, we highlight the Florida Methodist Children's Home and provide financial support to them. Please consider a financial gift to this important ministry.

New Members Class—Join Pastor Nelson for a 4-week new members course during the month of March (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th). Get to know the pastor, our Methodist heritage, and the distinctives of our local church. This 45-minute class is offered at 9:00AM in the kitchen of Wilson Hall. RSVP by calling or emailing Mary in the church office.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

ALL: Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!

One: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

ALL: All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: Come, let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN**—"Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

INVOCATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—We Are Not Alone
We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

* **PASSING THE PEACE**—Sending off our Adventure Kids

* **HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**—“Holy Ground” #2272 The Faith We Sing

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in His presence On holy ground!

SCRIPTURE READINGS—

FIRST READING: Acts 2:37-42 (NRSV)

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:7-14 (NRSV)

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father.

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON—“Form & Freedom” (Strangely Warmed: The Heart of Methodism)— Rev. Dr. Nelson Cowan

* **HYMN**—“I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” (vs. 2, 3, 4) #333

Verse 1

I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,

I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Verse 2

I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Verse 3

I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Verse 4

I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God: Father, Son, Spirit—

Your love is patient;

we give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us
and have taught and cared for us;
and we pray for the patience to love others
as you have loved us.

Your love is kind;

give us the courage to be kind to others
and to serve those with patience
who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our enemies.
They are your children and our sisters and brothers
and they were made in your image.

Your love is not pompous;

give us insight to speak the truth in love
and for the sake of your kingdom
and not out of a need to appear clever or right
and in all our relationships
give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

Your love does not seek its own interests;

we thank you and pray for those who serve the poor and those in need,
who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do
and little time for themselves.

Your love is not quick-tempered;
we pray for those who are angry
and for the violent and their victims;
for children who fear, elders who are abused,
and people trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

Your love bears all things;
we remember before you those with heavy burdens,
many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help.
Open our eyes to those around us and their needs
and give us the wisdom to offer help
without any prying or sense of superiority.

Your love never fails;
even death does not trespass on the breadth and depth of your love.
We thank you for those we have loved in this life
and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence
and let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved
or who are lonely this day.

Holy God, who is love incarnate in Jesus Christ, we now pray the prayer that he taught us, saying:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

OFFERING

You can give today by visiting the church website: www.christumcnb.org and click the donate button, text "Give" to (866) 731-5370, or mail an offering to the church. Church mailing address is: 400 Penman Rd., Neptune Beach, FL 32266

ANTHEM—"Fill-a-Me-Up" by Pepper Choplin—Chancel Choir

*** DOXOLOGY—#95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, you've given so many gifts to us. You've held nothing back of yourself, but rather come among us in Christ Jesus to save us and make us new. We offer to you now our lives and with them the work of our hands as represented by that which is contained in these plates. Bless us and all we offer both now and forevermore. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN—"Spirit Song" #347**

Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Come and fill Your lambs

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE—“Spirit Song” arr. Mark Hayes (Lindita Kosova)

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

—Our Church Family—

Fred and Carol Boyd | Gayl Bechler | John Jenkins
Eleanor Krouse | Mary Ann Belisario | Gary Kirkland
Marilyn Porterfield

—Homebound—

Tanya Roche | Jackie Fairbairn | Nell Webster | Helen Rose
Betty Curry | Roy & Claudia Dickson

—Our Family And Friends—

Ann Blair, breast cancer, friend of Eileen Sloth | Janet Gray—RA
Jeannie Tombaugh—Cancer | Sarita Shipman, sister of Karen
Long—Progressive glaucoma
Brian Powell, son of Ron and Faye Powell —NH Lymphoma
Melanie Weisenborn, D-in-L of Paula—Health Concerns
Joanne Conrad, sister of Joyce Bishopp—Stage 4 Cancer
Dan Carpenter, brother of Debbie Santacrose—Heart
Ruby Jones, cousin of Debbie Santacrose—Cancer

—Our Pastor, Church and Mission Field—

Christ United Methodist Preschool | Methodist Church in Cuba
Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School | Rev. Drs Cleivy and Leo
Garcia | Pat and Melenda Edmiston, Wycliffe Bible Translators

—Our Community, Nation and World Leaders—

Medical Personnel | Police | Firefighters | First Responders
Military Members

—Our Family Members Serving our Nation—

Kurt Astroth—Navy
Charles Berry—Navy
Seth Buswell—Coast Guard
Brandon Goodner, son-in-law of the Pauza's—Army
Whitney Heer—Navy
Vincent LaGrasso, nephew of Fred & Carol Boyd—Navy
Jeff Ransom, son of Jim & Anne Ransom—Navy
Christopher Sherrill, son of Virginia Sherrill—USAR
Kelly Spencer, niece of Mike and Becky Chambers—Army
Michael Weaver, grandson of Nancy Russell—Navy

This Week at Christ UMC

Sunday, January 23

9:00 am Heavenly Hash
10:15 am In Person & Online
Adventure Kids
6:00 pm RampUp Worship

Monday, January 24

11:00 am Congregational Care Mtg.
6:00 pm BSA/Cubs
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 26

10:00 am UMW Unit Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 27

10:00 am Christ Quilters
5:00 pm Chess Club

Sunday, January 30

9:00 am Heavenly Hash
10:15 am In Person & Online
Adventure Kids
11:15 am Security Meeting
6:00 pm RampUp Worship

Monday, January 31

11:00 am Day Trippers Road Trip
6:00 pm BSA/Cubs
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

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