

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**March 3, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**

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Welcome! We're glad you're here today! For more information about our church, please see our brochure in your pew. Please return the enclosed card to share your contact information and/or your pastoral needs; and you are welcome to sign our guestbook at the rear of the sanctuary. Infant/toddler care is in the Nursery/Room 1 from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. All children will remain in worship today.

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**MEDITATION:** *Humor is the great thing, the saving thing. The minute it roars up, all our irritation and resentments slip away, and a sunny spirit takes their place. ~ Mark Twain*

**PRELUDE** *I Woke up This Morning* Hot Cat Jazz Band

**GREETINGS and CHURCH LIFE** Rev. Christa Swenson

One: This is the day our God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**INTROIT #643** (Blue Hymnal) *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

**CALL to WORSHIP**

One: Climb with Moses up the mountain of God.

All: God's glory shines like the sun.

One: Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God.

All: Christ's glory shines like the sun.

One: Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God.

All: The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.

One: Climb the mountain of God.

All: We have come to see and to worship.

**HYMN #592** (Blue Hymnal) *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Good and Gracious and Loving God, it is You who puts smiles on our lips and twinkles in our eyes. It is You who puts laughter in our lives and offers saving grace through humor, even at the worst of times. Forgive us when we use humor at the expense of others. Forgive us when we resort to jokes when the situation requires serious compassion. Forgive each and all of sins and open us up to your Spirit on this special day of worship that we may praise you with hands clapping, voices singing and joy in our hearts. Transform us, we pray, in the name of your son Jesus.

**ASSURANCE of PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI #35** (Blue Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father (Creator) and to the Son (Christ) and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *All God's Critters*

**PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS**  
**in WORD and SACRAMENT**

One: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 34:29-35 (Pew Bible, O.T., page 81)

**HYMN #480** (Blue Hymnal) *I Love to Tell the Story*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 9:28-36 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 69)

**VERMON**

**\*HYMN #33** (Blue Hymnal) *How Great Thou Art*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**SUNG RESPONSE #557** (Blue Hymnal) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**CALL to GIVE OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *River in Judea* Youth Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY #46** (Blue Hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him (God) all creatures here below; Praise Him (God) above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN of PREPARATION #628** (Blue Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

*(Participation in the Sacrament of Communion is open to all. We serve the congregation the elements in the pew. We invite you to take the bread and wait until all are served, signifying our unity as One Body of Christ. We invite you to take the cup when you are ready, signifying your personal relationship with Christ. It is the custom at this church to use unfermented grape juice in the cup, and gluten-free bread.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we thank you for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends and the saints in light, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness for enemies, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*HYMN #560** (Blue Hymnal) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**\*OUR COMMON COMMISSION** (unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN #320** (Blue Hymnal)

**\*POSTLUDE** *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

\*All who are able, please stand.



*Flowers*

*In memory of Alma & Ernest R. Messer, and Thomas Graham,  
from Marilyn Graham & Family*

## Pancakes & Packing Our "Alleluias"



You are all invited to our annual

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

to help support our MCC Youth programs.

Come, eat some pancakes, and make all your Lenten preparations.

**March 5, 2019**

5:30-7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

All donations welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Christa at [christa@mysticucc.org](mailto:christa@mysticucc.org)

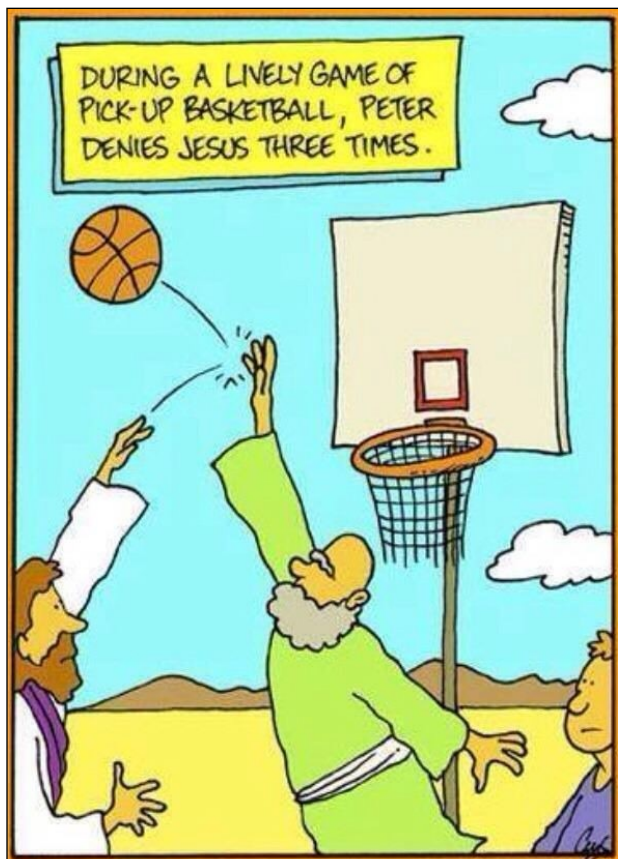
## Thinking of Joining the Church?

We will be receiving new members into the church

on **Sunday, April 28**

Prior to their reception, there will be two hour-long sessions in the library following the 10:00 a.m. services on **Sunday, March 31** and **Sunday, April 7** to acquaint prospective members with our church and the UCC.

Interested? Please contact Pastor Christa or one of the Deacons.



### MORNING MINISTRY

Ministers: ..... *All Members of the Church*  
 Senior Pastor: ..... *Rev. Christa D. Swenson*  
 Director of Music: ..... *Andrew Howell*  
 Interim Director of Children's Ministries: ..... *Beth A. Manning*  
 Parish Care Coordinators: ..... *Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart*  
 Nursery: ..... *Kathy Graham, Haley DelMonaco*  
 Flowers: ..... *Shinny Stone*  
 Deacon: ..... *Beth Manning*  
 Scripture Reader: ..... *Sue Barker*  
 Ushers: ..... *Sue Barker, Bill Jackson, Lee Ann Stiles, Pam McGee*  
 Trustees: ..... *Walter Grant, Hugh McGee*

### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, 3/03</b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY. COMMUNION SUNDAY. HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY with HOT CAT JAZZ BAND</b> 9:00 am - Adult Faith Formation Lenten Study (Library) 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1) 10:00 am - Worship & Communion Service ( <i>One Service Only</i> ) 11:00 am - All-Church Birthday Party (Parish Hall)
<b>Monday, 3/04</b>	Meals on Wheels 11:00 am - Caregivers' Support Group (Library) 2:00-4:00 pm - Pastor's Community Office Hours (Bartleby's) 6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)
<b>Tuesday, 3/05</b>	9:30 am - Women's Fellowship Board (Library) 5:30 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Parish Hall)
<b>Wednesday, 3/06</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday, 3/07</b>	6:00 pm - Search Committee (Library) 6:00 pm - Bell Choir (Music Room) 7:00 pm - Senior Choir (Music Room) 7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)
<b>Friday, 3/08</b>	Meals on Wheels
<b>Saturday, 3/09</b>	No Event
<b>Sunday, 3/10</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 am - Worship Services</b> 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1) 10:15 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Youth Ministries Committee (Conference Room) 11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 11:15 am - Children's Ministries Committee (Library) 5:00-7:00 pm - HS Youth "Second Sunday Suppers" (Abbott Res.)

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