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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

***Introit: "Christ is the Light" (Sing Twice) †**

All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light!

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the eastern sky the star is shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn #173 "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"**

Verses 1-2

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Forgiving God, we resist when asked to tell the story.

We find it hard to confess the name of Jesus.

We are awkward and feel inadequate.

But you have called us to speak and to act.

Like Simon and Andrew, James and John,

help us to rise up and follow wherever you lead.

Lord of surprising light, make us followers.

As we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

A Time for Children: "Boys Can Be Pastors Too"

Anthem: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Sermon: "Follow Jesus"

***Hymn #173 "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"**

Verses 3-4

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer “Pray”

All: Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray___, pray___, pray___ .
Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,
Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response “We Are Giving in the Light of God” (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)
We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 172 “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response #136

All: Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen, to the Angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

*Postlude

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

- The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
- Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
- Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
- Wade Anderson.....Sexton
- Joyfa Kelly.....Today’s Reader

This week:

- Monday-Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00PM
- Thursday-Choir 7:00PM
- Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM



Next Sunday-We will have our regular worship service at 11:00AM. This will be Pastor Meredith’s last Sunday to preach. In the afternoon, **there will be a worship service of farewell for Pastor Meredith at 3:00PM with Rev. David Ackerman co-officiating.** This will be followed by a potluck supper and a celebration of her 14 years here as pastor and her more than 36 years of ordained ministry as she retires. **There is a Sign-Up Sheet for attending the Supper, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Education Wing. Please consider bringing a covered side dish for about 12 people - please, NO desserts or chicken as these will be provided. Thanks to all!!**

Did you know that even if you cannot make it to church, our ministry continues, and your offering is needed? The deacons always appreciate those who “make up” their absences with their offerings. You do not need to use multiple envelopes. We also offer electronic giving through your bank account or credit card. For more information on this contact the office or check out our website: denmarkmanorchurch.org.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 11 – all are welcome!

In case of inclement weather, if it is impossible to hold worship, there will be an announcement on WPXI, Channel 11. Trude Hayes will also send out an e-mail blast to those on our list and she will post it on Facebook.



Attendance for January 14:

Offering for January 14: \$2,472.00

Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross): \$83.00

Music: \$500.00

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From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Evolve

"In the first book...I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles..." - Acts 1:1-5

At some point, Disciples turn into Apostles.

In today's passage, Jesus evolves the Disciples into Apostles, readying them to be sent out with a message (see that word "post" in "apostle"? Just like the mail!). I for one am glad they let it happen; if they had chosen not to change, Christianity would have died when they did.

What stage of Christian evolution are you in? Do you go to church, try

to live a good life, and leave it at that? Or do you talk with other people about it as well?

For the sake of everyone else in the break room who doesn't know how sweet faith can be, isn't it time to stand up to that loud atheist/fundamentalist/whatever at work?

Or do what one member of my church does: she periodically sets her Facebook status to something like, "Can't wait for church tomorrow! Anybody want to go with and then get brunch after?" You'd be surprised how many take her up on it. Or you could just be sure your FB profile lists your religion and a link to your church. Or you could write a letter to the editor—explicitly as a Christian—on an issue of the day. Or...well, you get the point: be creative.

Do you think Christianity—or your flavor of it—matters enough to be kept alive, or are you happy to let it die with you? If the latter, then enjoy your discipleship. If the former, it's time to evolve.

Prayer

God, grant me the Holy Spirit so that I might be strong for the sharing of your Word. Amen.

About the Author . . . Quinn G. Caldwell is a father, husband, homesteader and preacher living in rural upstate New York. His most recent book is a series of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas called All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas. Learn more about it and find him on Facebook at Quinn G. Caldwell.



“God is still speaking . . .”