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Third Sunday after Epiphany

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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**

First Time-Choir sings alone.

(Second Time-Congregation joins in.)

**Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart**

**And give him praise, and give him praise.**

**Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart**

**Your voices raise, your voices raise,**

**Give glory and honor and power unto him, \_\_\_\_\_**

**Jesus, the name above all names.**

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\*Opening Prayer-Psalm 52:5-12

Leader: *For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.*

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: *On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.*

People: **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

Leader: *Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*

People: **Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Leader: *Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,*

People: **and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

**\*Hymn #173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"**

**Verses 1, 2 (omit verses 3-4)**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: *The words of the psalm describe you, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in you, to pour out our hearts to you, knowing that you hear.*

People: **Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

Pastor: *Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.*

People: **Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

Pastor: *Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.*

People: **Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.**

Pastor: *Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen*

— written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online

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: “I Will Make You Fishers of Men”

Sermon: “I Have Some Good News and Some Bad News”

Anthem: “It Is Well with My Soul”

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 #173 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Verses 3-4

\*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

Brian and Bella Long .....Today’s Readers

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There are cards in the pews that you can put in the offering plate so that you don’t feel awkward when the ushers come to you to receive your offering. The advantage of e-giving is that you don’t have to remember your church envelope every week and the church receives your prayerful donation, even if you are unable to attend. If need be, you can cancel the withdrawals at any time. As always, Denmark Manor United Church of Christ accepts cash, checks and money orders.

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<http://denmarkmanorchurch.org/>. You can also scan the QR Code

below.



This week:

The office will be open from 9:00AM-3:00 PM on Monday and Thursday. Pastor Meredith will be on retreat in Slippery Rock Thursday through lunch on Friday. If you need her for a pastoral emergency, she can be reached on her cell phone at 724-689-6726.



**Next Sunday, January 29 is the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, immediately following the worship service. All Members of the Congregation are urged to attend and guests are most certainly welcome.**

Attendance for January 15: 62

Offering for January 15: \$1,896.00

**Our warmest congratulations to John and Becky Peters** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this coming Wednesday, January 25.

The Big Game is in 2 weeks (February 5) and whether the Steelers win our lose on Super Bowl Sunday, we receive a special offering that we call the "**Souper Bowl**".



This year, our the funds that we collect in our Soup Pots will go to support the Penn-Trafford Backpack Program. This program sends food home on the weekends to students who are at risk for hunger. It also provides food over the summer, when school is not in session. Right now, the funding for this program hangs in the balance, and may disappear. Our generous support will help this program to continue. In the past, our Souper Bowl offering has been a noisy offering of loose change. This year, while we will be glad to receive your noisy money, we hope that some quiet money, even some checks will land in our soup pots. We are giving you advance notice of this so that you can give as generously as you are able to give. This is a real need right in our own back yard.



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