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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 2015

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

Mission Moment-Global Mission Partnership

*Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:

All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light.

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the Eastern sky the stars are shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light. (repeat)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather to respond to the call of God's love

All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

Pastor: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Pastor: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

***Hymn #173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" verses 1 and 2**

*Call to Reconciliation (Remain Standing)

*Confession of Sin

All: Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. Yet, sometimes we are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience.

Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Words of Assurance:

Pastor: The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. Amen

*Act of Praise..... #760

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.

Children's Time: "Promises Kept"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Installation of Officers

Congregational Promise

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
verses 3 and 4**

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Reader-Joyfa Kelly

Sermon: "Breathless"

Anthem: "Lord of The Dance"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USMC Gunnery Sgt. Mike Zangare, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

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"

*Postlude

Today: *The annual meeting of the congregation will take place immediately after worship. All members are strongly urged to stay and those who are not members are welcome to attend to see what our congregation has been up to in 2014. Annual Reports are on the back table.*

Did you know that to date we have collected 150 items with our “kitchen shower” to benefit the Blackburn Center? Thanks you so very much for your generosity. You will help survivors of domestic violence as they get a fresh start.

This week:

Monday-Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00PM -This committee includes all of the current elders as well as Bonnie Malovitz, Bill Martin and Dave Conner.

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Attendance for January 18: 64

Offering for January 18: \$2,341.00

St. Paul’s Continuing Care Homes: \$25.00

We are mission partners with Piddig United Church of Christ of the Philippines where the Rev. Samuel “Boggs” Bugnosen is Pastor. Our Penn West Conference is in partnership with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the Philippines, and this month we begin our ministry together! *Would you like to send a message to the Piddig church, as we pray for one another? Or perhaps a picture or a recipe.* Please let Pastor Meredith know.

To my Church Family of Denmark Manor,

Thank You for your many kindnesses, thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during my recovery, Craig Anderson

Church Keys are being stamped with numbers so that we comply with our UCC Building Insurance. If you have keys to any doors of the Church, please contact the office or Wade Anderson, the Sexton,

to have them numbered and returned to you.

The Super Bowl is only a week away, and the “**Souper Bowl of Caring**” is here. 20 years ago the “Souper Bowl” began with 22 churches and has grown to over 14,000 groups nationwide. The first donation of \$5,700 grew to over \$10 million. Just ONE dollar per person makes a huge difference. Please consider helping the “Souper Bowl of Caring” to support the St. Barbara Food Bank. You may place a donation in the Soup Pots that we bring around next Sunday. Bring all of your change to make a noisy offering!



From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Nothing Special - "All who make idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit; their witnesses neither see nor know
Isaiah 44:9-11

In our world of endless assurances that we are all special and worthy and amazing, these texts make us uncomfortable. Shouldn't Isaiah have said something like "Idolmakers, you're really not doing the right thing here, but you are still special"?

We draw our worth from what we do, what we own, and the amount in our bank accounts. At the end of the day, none of that really matters. When I was a hospice chaplain I saw a lot of people die with regrets. Our idols don't go with us to life after this, but what does? The only thing I can say for certain is God will be there with us, so we are with the one who created us "just a little lower than the angels". And in the end we might find that we are truly incredible after all.

Prayer . . . God, I am nothing without you. But with you, I am worth more than all the idols in the world. Amen.

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