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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

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

*Ringing of the Bell

Introit: "Come into His Presence" *

First Time Choir. 2nd Time All Join 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.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #6 "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: God of patience, your people grow weary.

- **We complain and question.**
- **We put you to the test.**
- **Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no.**

When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you.

- **Empty our hearts of anger and pride.**
- **Empty our souls of greed and selfishness.**
- **Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust.**

As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. 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

Pastor: Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance.

The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out.

The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness.

Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy. Amen.

*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: “Water to Drink”

Sermon: “Water from a Rock”

***Hymn #45 “Christ is the Mountain of Horeb”**

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are on the back table of the sanctuary. If you require gluten free, please tell one of the Elders.)

The Invitation

Anthem: “We Remember You”

The Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

***Hymn #349 “I Come with Joy”**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response #82 Verse 1

All: **Go, my children with my blessing**

Never alone.

Waking, sleeping I am with you,

You are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go my children, with my blessing,

You are my own.

Carrying the light into the world.

*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
Allen Latherow..... Acolyte and Bell Ringer
Trude Hayes, Doreen Cherep, Fred Hayes, Dan Walk - Today's Readers

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Did you know that today is World Communion Sunday?

World Communion Sunday may come and go without much fanfare, foregoing celebrity hype and lacking attention-grabbing scandal. But in an increasing globalized world, where differences can be divisive, sharing in the elements of the Lord's Supper is the quiet constant that unites

believers of Christ — that grace, redemption and healing are afforded through the simple sharing of sacred bread and cup.

Today, congregations across the UCC and countless other denominations are celebrating Holy Communion. For some it will be a somber occasion. For others, the elements will be received joyfully.

Sue Blain, the UCC's minister for worship, reflecting on the myriad of different ways that Holy Communion is celebrated, shared and distributed among Christians, says, "I think the ideal would be for folks to experience communion in a variety of different ways."

Blain says that when communion is served in the pews, it symbolizes

God coming among the people, feeding them. "But having to make a choice to move forward has another level of commitment in some respects," she says. "Both are true, both are valid," says Blain. "I think we could experience all of that and be enriched spiritually."

On World Communion Sunday, we receive our **Neighbors in Need Offering**. One of the ministries of Neighbors in Need is to advocate for clean water in the United States. In many regions, clean water is not available and levels of lead are high, causing a myriad of problems for children who drink it, including developmental delays. Along with this ministry, 1/3 of the Neighbors in Need Offering is used for ministries with American Indians. Envelopes are provided today for your convenience. You may give to Neighbors in Need on any Sunday in October.

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM. Our Conference Minister, The Rev. David Ackerman and The Rev. McKie from the Westmoreland Association Committee on Ministry will be our guests. Other business will be kept at a minimum. This is a very important meeting for all consistory members.

Thursday-Worship Team 6:30PM

Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

The CROP Hunger Walk is October 15 at Bushy Run Battlefield. Registration begins at 1:30 with the Walk starting at 2:00PM. Registration forms and collection envelopes are available today.

The Ham Dinner is October 21. We need people to sell tickets and other folk for the dining room. Please speak with Steve Cherep or Robin Brautigam if you can help. Also, please contact the church office if you can sell tickets. DenmarkManorUCC@outlook.com , 724-744-4218.

Attendance for September 24: 52

Offering for September 24: \$1,864.00

Hurricane Relief: \$1,255.00