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Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 #300 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Call to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Reconciliation

**All: Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief.**

- **You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched.**
- **You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love.**

**We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care.**

**How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord. You lavish your gifts upon us that we might use them for the betterment of your realm, and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. Let us greet this day when the hope of the Reign of Christ can be made manifest and we can be part of this glorious kingdom of peace and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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: *In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! 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: "Jesus is our King"

Anthem: "We Are Called"

Sermon: "Reigning Compassion"

**\*Hymn #542 "Born of God, Eternal Savior"**

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894  
 Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, St. 3

DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
 George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own;  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied;  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save;  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - eff - a - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

And hail him as thy match-less King Throughall e - ter - ni - ty.  
 But down-ward bend his burn-ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Please fill-in and give to Elaine DiFranco or the Office by  
**Sunday, December 3rd - thank you!! (Orders after December  
 3rd are \$10.00)**

EACH PLANT is \$8.00, with 6 1/2" pot wrapped in gold foil

\_\_\_\_\_ RED \_\_\_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST - please pay with order.

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIA(S) AFTER THE 7:30PM  
 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

\*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
- Brian, Heather, Bella and Laura Long..... Today's Readers

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**Calling all grads!** If you are graduating in December or January, please let Pastor Meredith know. We are recognizing our grads on December 10.

Again, this year we have a giving opportunity through the **Salvation Army's Treasures for Children program**. Please take one or more tags from our Christmas Tree, look at the number marked in red and sign your name to the corresponding number on the sheet that is on the back table of the Sanctuary. Bring your gift(s) in on, or better yet, before December 10. We must have them by that date because the Salvation Army will pick them up the very next day. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and you will make a child's holiday brighter!

**Did you know** that your used printer cartridges and toners help us to save on office supplies? We turn them into STAPLES for recycling and get store credit for each cartridge. There is a basket in the back to collect these items.

This week:

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM



**Looking ahead: There is an important Congregational Meeting on December 10, immediately following worship.** We will be voting on our 2018 officers and the 2018 budget. Look in your mailbox or in the back of the sanctuary for the proposed budget. Other updates on our leadership in 2018 and the Congregational

Assessment Tool that we are using will be discussed at that time.

Attendance for November 19: 59

Offering for November 9: \$1,607.01

Building Fund: \$3,000.00

Food Bank: \$10.00

*Lessons & Carols*



**Sunday, December 24 . . .**

**Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, we will have two services.** Our regular worship will take place at 11:00AM and we will have our traditional service of lessons, carols, candles and communion at 7:30PM.

*Christmas Eve*  
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