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Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 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 with Piddig United Church of Christ in the Philippines

\*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)**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #44 "Beautiful Jesus" Verses 1, 3, 4 (omit verse 2)

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Reader: Don McIlvaine\

Anthem: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

**All: Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters, and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you. When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.**

Silent Confession

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.

Children's Time: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

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

Sermon: "When the Going Gets Tough the Tough Get Going"

Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"

Refrain:

**All: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings.**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn.**

**Make you to shine like the sun.**

**And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

(The Choir will sing the verses)

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of Veteran Brandon Ross, 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: #300 “Jesus Shall Reign”

\*The Benediction

\*Benediction Response #136

All: “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

\*Postlude

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ  
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor  
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard  
Kelly Millar .....Choir Director  
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant  
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

**WCCEA** Did you know that we collected a total of \$199 for the Westmoreland Churches’ Committee for Emergency Aid from our Souper Bowl Collection? This ministry assists people in our region who have exhausted all other means of assistance and need help with utilities.

This week:

Monday-Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00PM



Wednesday- **Ash Wednesday** service of penitence, ashes, and communion 7:30PM

Wednesday-Choir rehearsal following Ash Wednesday service

Saturday-There **IS** Bible Study at the Murrysville Panera, 9:00AM



**Once again we will join our sisters and brothers in Christ from the Northern Westmoreland Association Cluster for Wednesday Night Lenten Services.** All services begin at 7:30PM. If you would like to attend any of these services and need a ride, please speak with pastor Meredith.

February 25

Hill’s Church, 7:30PM  
(Emmanuel Reformed UCC)  
3618 Hills Church Road, Export  
“The Way of the Cross-  
Jesus Condemned”

**Pastor Meredith, Preaching**

March 4

Trinity UCC, 7:30PM  
39 East Pittsburgh St, Delmont  
“The Way of the Cross-  
Carrying the Cross”  
Pastor John Titus, Preaching

*continued*

### March 11

First UCC-Harrison City  
1008 Harrison City-Export Rd.,  
Harrison City, 7:30PM

“The Way of the Cross-Servant  
Leadership”

Pastor Joseph Hedden, Preaching

### March 18

#### Denmark Manor

7:30PM

“The Way of the Cross-Nailed  
to the Cross”

Pastor Ryan Lucas, Preaching

**\*If you can bring a finger  
food or hors'doeuvres for the  
fellowship time after the  
March 18 Lenten Service,  
please sign the list on the  
bulletin board in the  
education wing.**



### March 25

First UCC Apollo  
212 South Second St., Apollo  
7:30PM

The Celebration of Holy  
Communion

“The Way of the Cross-Jesus  
Has Risen”

**Combined Choir led by  
Kelly Millar and Irina  
Thomas**

**Conference Minister, the  
Rev. David Ackerman,  
Preaching and officiating at  
communion.**

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Please check your mailbox for this month's edition of the "Good News". The newsletter can also be accessed on-line at our website, [denmarkmanorchurch.org](http://denmarkmanorchurch.org). If you would prefer NOT to have a printed copy of the newsletter, please notify the office at [dmucc@windstream.net](mailto:dmucc@windstream.net).

Dan Walk has been designated by consistory to our spokesperson for the gas drilling that is being dealt with here in Penn Township. Denmark Manor has signed a lease with Huntley and Huntley to allow underground horizontal drilling for natural gas. There will be NO surface drilling on our property. The consistory believes the process proposed to be safe for us and for the soil and water supply, since Huntley and Huntley will be drilling 7,000 feet down. The actual vertical drilling is to be across the road from the church in the middle of the field on the Blank farm. If you have any questions or concerns. Dan will be glad to speak with you. If you don't know who Dan is, speak with Pastor Meredith and she will introduce you to him.

Attendance for February 8: 68 Offering for February 8: \$2,581.00  
Souper Bowl of Caring: \$79.00 Repairs: \$86.00

### **From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ**

#### **The Church that Plays Together**

Jesus called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 18:2-3 4:1

As a young doctor, Stuart Brown was doing research into the character of murderers who otherwise had no criminal history. He discovered something amazing, a common thread in 90% of their stories: as children, their play was severely restricted.

Brown, a workaholic, spent many more decades studying play. He learned that children grow empathy through the rough-and-tumble of play, that play lowers stress (duh!), makes us more innovative and helps us adapt to change. He got the message and started to play more.

Lent is all about being more grownup, right? Serious as a heart attack, grave as the grave.

But at church, the hub of much of our spiritual practice, how many of us talk exclusively about the "work" of the church? We often treat the stuff we do at church as a kind of bitter endurance contest.

How often does the phrase "play of the church" enter our vocabulary? What if we played all-ages kickball after church on summer Sundays? Or had adult time in the bouncy house? Or a polar bear swim at the winter retreat? Or threw a dance party with bubble machine and disco ball, watched the kids go crazy, and went crazy with them? I have photographic evidence that all these are possible, and more. Play, Brown said, is any activity that is purposeless, dissolves ego boundaries, and brings joy. I would add: it's also an activity that delights God, who, after all, was the first one to play. What was the Creation, after all?

Prayer . . . Lord, may we never take ourselves more seriously than You. Amen.

*About the Author . . . Molly Baskette is senior minister of First Church Somerville UCC in Somerville, MA, and the author of the book Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead and Yours Can Too.*

***Last Day to order is Sunday, March 22.***

# Easter Flower Order Form

*Please give your Order & payment to*

***Elaine DiFranco by Sunday, March 22.***



LILIES - White \$10.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

TULIPS Mixed Colors \$10.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

HYACINTHS Mixed Colors \$10.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

MUMS White\_\_ Yellow\_\_ Purple\_\_ \$10.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

HYDRANGEAS Pink\_\_ Blue\_\_ \$20.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

AZALEAS White\_\_ Pink\_\_ Red-Pink\_\_ \$20.00 number \_\_\_\_\_

*All flowers come in 6.5 inch gold foil-wrapped pots.*

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAID w/order \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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