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Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

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

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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you.

**To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory**

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing “Holy, holy, holy.” (Repeat from beginning)

Ending: Holy, holy, holy- Holy, holy, holy-

Holy, holy, holy-I want to see you. (repeat ending)

*Opening Prayer

Anthem: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: O God, we are desperate for the forgiveness that you alone can give.

- **We are needy and broken.**
- **We have chosen to go our own way for too long, and now recognize the foolishness of this.**
- **We have not lived as the people whom you created us to be.**
- **We have not served as ambassadors of your kingdom.**
- **We have not loved you wholeheartedly nor have we walked faithfully in a moment-by-moment relationship with you.**

But we are here today to realign our lives with your call. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Transform us. Mold us. Remake us. You are our only hope. O God, hear our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. 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 psalmist wrote: “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.” Friends, this is good news for you and for me.

People: This is good news indeed. Thanks be to God!

*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: "Helping Others"

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

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32

Sermon: "Welcomers or Grumblers?"

***Hymn: #202 "O God, How We Have Wandered"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USN Veteran Rachel Spahn, 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

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 #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response #547**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Verse 1

*Postlude

Joyfa Kelly and Don McIlvaine are participating in today's service along with...

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ

Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor

Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard

Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant

Wade Anderson.....Sexton

In case of bad weather and cancellation of worship, we will be listed on WPXI (Channel 11) TV or at www.wpxi.com as well as on the WPXI Weather App.

Pastor Meredith will be on study leave this week, taking an intensive course on Transitional Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She will be staying on campus. In her absence, the Rev. Joseph Hedden will be covering emergencies. He can be reached at 412-956-5252. The Rev. Bobbie Hineline will preach next Sunday.

Did you know that Denmark Manor is a part of the Northern Westmoreland Association Cluster of United Church of Christ churches? The United Church of Christ is divided into Conferences. There are 37 geographic Conferences in the United Church of Christ and one non-geographic known as the Calvin Synod *continued*

(whose roots are found in the Hungarian Reformed Church). We are a part of the Penn West Conference, through which we covenant with our partner churches to work together for the good of the church and the good of the world. Each Conference is then divided into Associations. The Association is very important because it is the Association that provides ecclesiastical endorsement, such as ordination, licensing and commissioning of ministers. We are fortunate that we have a long history of working with our smaller division or Cluster, in worshipping together, especially during Lent. This crosspollination with other churches within the denomination enriches our lives as members of a church much larger than our own congregation. Together we are living out Jesus prayer, "That they all may be one"



This week:

Wednesday- "Land Into Lunch" with the Northern Cluster of the Westmoreland Association. Hosted by First UCC (Harrison City Rd.



in Harrison City), "Land Into Lunch" will be a Moravian Love Feast. This is especially designed to accommodate retirees, Sr. Citizens and those who may work in the area and be able to take an hour for lunch and worship. There will be a meal and a special worship time based on the theme of God's

abundant love. Please bring items for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. A free-will offering will also support the Food Bank. We thank Lynn Zimmerman and Doris Walk for being part of the planning team for this event.

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study 9:00AM

Looking Ahead:

On March 16 we will take "One Small Step Into Supper" here at Denmark Manor. We will have a potluck supper beginning at



6:30PM. The focus will be on mission and the supper will be followed by worship and an activity, assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. We will be putting together **50 kits**. The Rev. Liddy Barlow, executive Director of Christian Associates will preach and there will be a combined choir under the direction of Linda Dulaney. (Those who wish to sing with the choir will meet at 6:00PM.) Everything will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



On Good Friday, Pastor Meredith and persons from our congregation will be joining other churches in Penn-Trafford on a Prayer Walk through Harrison City. Pastor Meredith will be praying at the businesses in the Penny Lane (Giant Eagle) Plaza. If you would like to be a part of this, please speak with

Pastor Meredith or sign the list on the bulletin board in the Education Wing. Pastor Meredith will be glad to do the praying, but your presence in joining her will be a prayer as well. We will gather at the Harrison City Post Office parking lot at 5:30PM.

Attendance for February 21: 50

Offering for February 21: \$1,863.00

\$25.00 (Flint Michigan water supply)

Our One Great Hour of Sharing Giving Banks are now available.



Our funds will be divided between the Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid (for local assistance) and One Great Hour of Sharing (for national and international assistance). This is a tangible way to practice your Lenten discipline. Follow

the calendar each day and use the devotional resources provided as well. Please bring them back on March 13 or 20. Extra calendars are on the back table along with the banks.