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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

### \*Gathering Music

Please 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 # 182 “We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding”**

Reading of Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

### Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

**All: Holy God, we confess that we often approach the world as if it is dark and depressing. We fail to observe signs of your radiance in the ordinary moments of our daily lives. We do not allow our eyes and ears and hearts to be transformed by the glory and grace of your presence. Forgive us, God, and penetrate our darkness and sin with your bright and holy love. Amen.**

Silence

Kyrie # 750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

**Pastor: The light of Christ illumines the darkest places in our lives.**

**Hope is alive in Jesus the Christ. Pardon and peace are yours.**

**Glory be to God on high! 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.

Children’s Time: “The Souper Bowl”

Sermon: “Speechless”

### Hymn #44 “Beautiful Jesus” Verses 1,2,4 (Omit verse 3)

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit as a prayer for peace 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

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

*Pastor: This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ’s way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God’s mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God’s new age.*

The Communion Prayer

*Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing.*

*We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.*

*We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:*

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

Anthem: “Remember Me”

*Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.*

*Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.*

The Distribution of the Elements

*Pastor: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you. Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #336 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” Verses 1,2,4 (omit verses 3 and 5)**

\*The Benediction

\*Benediction Response:

Please join the choir in singing...

**“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child” (#136)**

\*Postlude

**There will be a time of fellowship today in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the worship service. Come and greet one another in an atmosphere of hospitality.**

The Kindle Fire Tablets are available for our younger children to use during worship. There are also busy boxes at the back of the sanctuary and childcare downstairs for those for whom attending the entire of worship hour is difficult. Don't forget that all of our younger children are encouraged to attend our “Little Disciples Class” downstairs at 10:30AM each Sunday.

Dave Conner, Allen Mattei and Joni Mattei 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

**Did you know** that we are a Global Partner Church with Piddig United Church of Christ in the Philippines? The Penn West Conference is in partnership through Global Ministries with the North Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and we want to bring representatives here to visit us in Western PA. A few years ago Rev. Joseph Hedden of Hill's Church and Ms. Melissa McLean of Emmanuel UCC in Warren visited the Philippines. Now we are returning their hospitality. We will have an opportunity to meet our Global Mission Partners in June. We are joining with other churches in the Penn West Conference to raise \$3,000 for this exchange. Today's Souper Bowl offering is for the “Bring ‘Em Here” Fund of the Penn West Conference.

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

This week:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:30PM

**Wednesday-Ash Wednesday will be celebrated here at Denmark Manor at 7:30PM with a solemn celebration of confession, ashes and Holy Communion. Receiving ashes is optional.**

The Choir will rehearse on Wednesday after the evening worship.

**Looking Ahead:** This year, the Northern Cluster of the Westmoreland Association, which includes Denmark Manor, Emmanuel Reformed (Hill's) Church, Trinity in Delmont, First UCC in Harrison City and First UCC in Apollo has something new in store for Lent.



Land Into Lunch. Hosted by First UCC (Harrison City Rd. in Harrison City), will be a Moravian Love Feast on Wednesday, March 2 at NOON. 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.



One Small Step Into Supper. This event will be hosted by our church on Wednesday, March 16, with a potluck beginning at 6:30. We will focus 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.

Attendance for January 31: 66

Offering for January 31: \$2,559.00



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

### **Letting Go of Being Right**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." - Matthew 5: 6

It's embarrassing for me to admit how often I want to be "right," and how hard it can be to get off that horse.

A raging need to be "right" is, honestly, sort of childish. And yet, it persists far beyond actual childhood. I also notice that when people feel they are "right" and their cause just, they will say and do just the worst things to those who do not agree with them. Lots of this in the church, but not only there. If you are right, it is apparently okay to do wrong.

I've gotten trapped in wanting to be right -- to prove, show, demonstrate that I am right -- far too often, most of all in closest relationships with family and friends.

What's the alternative to being right? Maybe it is being well. Not trying to control others, but practicing self-control and self-containment.

Does this mean that moral judgment, right and wrong, good and bad, aren't important? I don't think so. It doesn't mean giving up moral meaning, it means giving up my ego.

The paradox is that when you can get into right versus wrong bickering in personal relationships -- even if you believe you have won -- you have lost. On the other hand, surrendering your need to be right, can confer a very different kind of victory. A victory over your own screaming ego. And the survival, maybe even renewal, of a relationship.

Strangely enough, in letting go of what we think we must have, at least sometimes we get what we most need. In letting go of our need to be right, we actually become right in a new and far deeper sense.

Prayer

Teach me a new righteousness, Holy One, one that includes surrendering my need to be right. Amen.

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