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Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 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

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

***Introit**

All: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you.

I want to see you. (repeat 1st three lines)

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".

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Holy, Holy, Holy I want to see you

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

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*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #251 "I Greet You, Sure Redeemer" verses 1, 3, 5 (omit verses 2 and 4)

*UCC Statement of Faith as a Doxology...#885 (back of hymnal)

Scripture Lesson: John 11:38-45

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Holy One, we remember that we come from dust and it is to dust we shall return. For our fleeting moments of life, we create hardship and resistance, dwell in pride and desire, stir negativity and envy. These are not your ways, but ours. Create in us clean hearts and open minds, we pray. We wish to be more like you. 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

*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: "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Sermon: "Are We Bound and Dead?"

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 found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Pastor: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Pastor: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take,

eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm. Amen

Anthem: “In Remembrance” (while we are glad that you appreciate the choir’s music, for this piece we ask that you please hold your applause as this is a part of the Communion liturgy)

Pastor: *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.*

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response and 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
Doreen Cherep, Trude Hayes, Fred Hayes, Dorothy Martin, Allen Mattei, Robin Brautigam, Steve Cherep, Joni Mattei, Dan Walk
.....Today’s Readers

Did you know that to date we have received \$267 towards One Great Hour of Sharing? This offering is money in the bank when a disaster strikes or desperate poverty is the norm. We work with mission partners at home and around the world to make sure that needs are met. While the Red Cross and other agencies are the first on site after a disaster, OGHs offerings help people in the long aftermath of recovery so that they are not forgotten. Your giving banks also are going to One Great Hour of Sharing. We hope that if you followed the giving calendar, that you learned something about the needs of the world’s poor, and came to appreciate the many creature comforts that we have.

This week:

Monday: Consistory 7:00PM

Wednesday-Cluster gathering and worship. Dinner is at 6:30 with a worship service to follow.

The choir will rehearse after the cluster worship service.

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Lenten Cluster Get-togethers

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Our Gatherings with the United Church of Christ Churches in our Cluster have been different this year as we have thought about Reimagining Church. Four

weeks ago, we met at Hill's Church and discussed what it is like to live in this "Brave New World." Two weeks later when we met at First UCC in Harrison City, the topic was "Changing World, Changing Church."

Finally, we will meet this coming Wednesday, April 5, here at Denmark Manor, beginning with dinner at 6:30 and the discussion and worship at 7:30PM. The focus will be "Where Do We Go from Here?" We will conclude with worship and the Rev. David Ackerman-Penn West Conference Minister, preaching and officiating at Holy Communion.

Looking ahead: On Palm Sunday (April 9) we will hear the Passion Story is told in the Gospel of Matthew.



During Holy Week, we celebrate Maundy Thursday with a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:30PM. This is followed by communion in the Fellowship Hall and a silent procession into the Sanctuary for a Tenebrae Service of light and darkness. **There is sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for folks to make soup or bring bread for the meal.**



Easter Sunday is April 16. Please spread the word that there will only be ONE service and it will be at **10:00AM.**

Our Annual Beef Dinner is April 29 from 4 to 7PM.

Ladies' Lunch and Laughter May 20, 1:00PM

Make your reservation now! A reservation form is in the today's bulletin. We can only accommodate 120 people and we are already getting inquiries from the outside. We don't need your money now, just your reservation, so if you are coming, please fill out the form and put it in the offering plate. We want to give preference to our own congregation.

Anyone wishing to make a Gift Basket (or donate items for one) is most welcome to do so, or contribute \$1-\$3 items for door prizes. These are a big help to the Women's Fellowship.

About Our Prayer List

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16



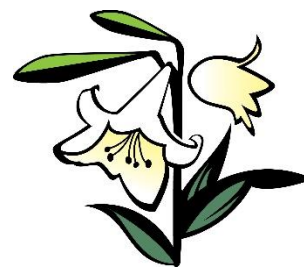
If you would like to have someone listed (and you have their permission), there is a clear plastic box in the back of the sanctuary for your prayer concerns. Simply fill out the form and put it in the box. Be sure to include your name along with the name of the person for whom you are requesting prayers.

Attendance for March 26: 55

Offering for March 26: \$2,255.00

OGHS Giving Banks - Please bring your One Great Hour of Sharing Giving Bank in during the next two Sundays in April. Thanks to our generous congregation members for their help!

Please see today's Bulletin for:



- **Easter Flower Order Form - The last day to order is TODAY, Sunday, April 2!**
 - CWS Hygiene Kit Supplies and collection
- **Ladies' Lunch & Laughter**



"God is still speaking . . ."