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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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

*Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing (#239 refrain only):

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #67 "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling" verses 1, 2, 3 (omit verses 4, 5 and 6)**

Reading of Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: You have invited us into your presence, God of majesty, and we are in awe. Yet in your holiness, we see our sinfulness. Save us from falling into fear. Claim us as your children.

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

All: You know our sins and yet you love us and call us to be your people. Thank you for your forgiveness. Send us to do your will in the world. 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: "A Blessing of Music"

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

Anthem: "A Blessing of Music"

Sermon: "Women in the Church"

***Hymn: #67 "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling", verses 4, 5, 6**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Resurrection of Our Lord 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”

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 (sung)

**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 #80 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

*Postlude

Sylvia Duncan is participating in today’s worship 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 thanks to all of our wonderful helpers for the dinner we served over 450 persons? For all who contributed in any way to this monumental effort, we are grateful.

You can now sign up for electronic giving on our website denmarkmanorchurch.org. We appreciate all who have worked so hard to make this new innovation for our church, a reality.

This week:

Today is Hoss’s Day. Use the coupon here in the bulletin and eat at the Murrysville Hoss’s at any time today and the church receives 20% of what you spend.

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Next Sunday, Pastor Meredith and Pastor Joseph Hedden of Hills Church will participate in a Pulpit Exchange. Pastor Meredith will preach at Hill’s and Pastor Joseph will preach here. Come and worship during this time and hear a different perspective on the WORD.

Looking ahead: Pastor Joseph, who is coordinating our visitors from the Philippines in June, needs housing for **three** people (we can house them separately). There are two men and one woman. Can you help him out in any way? Dates are the evenings of June 11 and 12 which are Saturday and Sunday nights.

This could be a very enriching experience. For more details, speak with Pastor Meredith.

Attendance for April 17: 69

Offering for April 17: \$1,948.00

Penn Twp. Food4Kids Backpack Program: \$65.00

Our Prayer List has no remaining space. Beginning May 1, we will keep names on the list for a period of 8 weeks and request that you call to renew the name. Those in care facilities and homebound will remain on the list until we are told to remove the name. Thanks to all the faithful who help through intercessory prayer, and to all who care so deeply that they put names on the list.

DMUCC Hoss's Day is today, April 24, all day at the Murrysville Hoss's. The church receives 20-25% of your lunch or dinner check when you use the coupon below. Each year after our Beef and Ham Dinners, we schedule a Hoss's Day to give ourselves a rest from cooking, and benefit the Church at the same time. This thoughtful idea began with Bob Berlin and Pat Kistler, who did much of the legwork and contact for our Dinners.



Come Celebrate a Birthday Party for Malek Said, the Palestinian Child who we sponsor through our Sunday School.

**When-May 15 in the Fellowship Hall,
Immediately following the worship service.**

This is a covered dish!
Bring a gift of your pennies!
Please come and celebrate!
He will be 7 years old!



From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Why I Need Church More than It Needs Me

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." - Micah 4:2

I am finding out whether I am a good person, living a good life, without a church. I left the church I was serving a couple of months ago. I am a free agent for a month. I can sleep in on Sunday mornings and wake to pancakes and the New York Times. I don't have to fight my teenager to get out of bed and be on time for worship. It's a gift, this unstructured time. But I've noticed something. I'm more irritated in traffic, judgmental in line at the store, inclined to be rude on the phone. Without church, I feel myself crumpling into my innate selfishness and pride, exposed as the narcissistic shrew I really am.

Turns out, I need the structure of religious community. I am actually a better person when I have the full weight and positive inertia of other Christians also trying to be better people around me. Church is the scaffolding around the weak structure of my character. Maybe a better metaphor is that the church is a splint, straightening a spirit that might otherwise be bent or broken. Our UCC sage, William Sloane Coffin said, "It is often said that the Church is a crutch. Of course it's a crutch. What makes you think that you don't limp?"

Prayer . . . God, I'm lamer than I thought. Thank you for giving me a way to walk in strength and a people to walk with, despite my weakness. Amen. *Molly Baskette is working on two new books before starting her next call. You can read more in current offerings, Real Good Church and Naked Before God.*

Save the Date
PENN WEST CONFERENCE & ST. PAUL'S DAY
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, June 25, 2016

Please plan to join residents and staff as we share with you "Life at St. Paul's!" We look forward to sharing with you in fellowship and introducing you to some very special people: Our Residents!

See the Sign-Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board.