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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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

All: God, you invite all people into your presence. In our diversity, unify us in your message of good news: God loves, God redeems, God lives! Break into our hearts today; create in us perfect love as we glorify your name! Amen.

***Hymn: #386 "The Church's One Foundation" Verses 1, 2 (omit verses 3 and 4)**

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we have resisted your Spirit and its call to unity and solidarity. We have not always listened to the needs of others. We have not shared as we might, from the bounty you have given us. We have not always chosen to live in peace. Forgive us. Send your Spirit and we will listen.

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

Pastor: God's Spirit through the work of Jesus Christ grants us a new beginning. Listen to the Spirit speaking in this coming week.

*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

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

Reading of Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon: "Moving Day"

***Hymn: #386 "The Church's One Foundation" verses 3, 4**

Our Morning Prayers

Pastor: *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

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

Pastor: *Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Pastor: *This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.*

Anthem: "Taste and See"

The Communion Prayer

Pastor: *God be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to God Most High.*

People: **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.

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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.

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: *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."*

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Pastor: *The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.*

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Sharing the Elements

Pastor: *Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.*

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: *Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.*

People: **Amen!**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

***Hymn #347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

*Postlude

The Rev. Joseph Hedden is leading today's worship service and Pastor Meredith is leading worship at Hill's church, where Rev. Hedden is the Pastor. Our community of faith here at Denmark Manor United Church of Christ includes:

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 received a total of \$240 for our Penn-Trafford Food For Kids Backpack Program? We have done the shopping for two families to help them over the summer. This program, that is offered through the school nurses, helps children and their families who are at risk for hunger. Backpacks full of food go home with the children on a regular basis throughout the year, and we are helping to make sure that these children have enough to eat during the period of time when school is not in session. The money has gone to buy groceries with the remaining funds helping to maintain the program through the school year. Thank you for your generous support.

Our profit on the Beef Dinner was \$4,417.19. The Women’s Fellowship’s Bake Sale netted \$605.50. Thanks to all who pitched in to make our dinner a huge success! Everyone loved the food.



Calling all grads-On My 22 we will be recognizing our High School and College Graduates. Let us know if you have a family member who is graduating.

Our church now offers electronic giving or e-giving, either through bank transfer of funds, or through your credit card. You can register on our website denmarkmanorchurch.org, or use the forms that are on the back table. We have already had 4 people sign up for e-giving. **You do NOT have to give electronically. We still accept cash and checks!** We are offering electronic giving for the convenience of our members who pay many of their bills through automatic withdrawal or by credit card. Your private information will be kept confidential and will not be shared. If you become an e-giver and still want to put something in the offering plate, there are cards in the pews that you may use, that say, *Part of my worship is giving back to God-with joy and gratitude-from all that I have received. I have already given for this period, so today I celebrate this commitment, using this card as a reminder of my act of giving.*

This week:
 Monday-Consistory 7:00PM
 Thursday-Choir 7:00PM
 Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Looking ahead:
On May 15, immediately following worship we will have a **Birthday Party** for Malek Saiid, the Palestinian Child who we support through our Sunday School. This is a covered dish, so bring something to share and enjoy some birthday cake, a Palestinian song and a game. We should be done with our party no later than 1:15PM.

Also, on June 12 we will worship at Hill’s Church, and celebrate our Philippine Partnership, meeting our guests from the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. There will also be a Filipino choir and singers are invited to join the choir at Hill’s for their anthem as well. This will be followed by a potluck reception, so please bring a dish to pass with you. We will be arranging rides over to Hill’s church leaving here at 9:30. Worship is at 10:15 if you choose to drive yourself. We hope that this can be a wonderful joint celebration of worship and fellowship. Hills (formally known as Emanuel Reformed UCC) is a partner church in our Cluster of the Northern Westmoreland Association Churches.

We are in need of housing for our Filipino guests. There are two men and one woman. For more details, speak to Pastor Joseph.

Attendance for April 24: 51

Offering for April 24: \$1,776.00



From our Church Family . . .

Congratulations to the Correll Family on the birth of Hudson Donald, born April 24, 2016! Hudson is the son of Danielle (McIlvaine) and Chuck Correll and brother to Charley, Landon and Ethan. He is the grandson of Don and Debi McIlvaine.