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Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2015

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

*Ring of the Bell

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

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: # 257 "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" Verses 1, 2, 4 (omit verse 3)**

Reading of Scripture: John 17:1-19

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Protector of all, so many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you.

Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life.

Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being. In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

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.

Children's Time: "Who Is Our Audience?"

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

Choir Recognition

Sermon: "In Jesus' Name We Pray"

Anthem: "Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying?"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of U.S. Army Captain Ryan Brummond, 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

***Hymn #506 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

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)

*Postlude

Brad and Justin Cherep are our readers today.

Thank you to our wonderful choir members, who so faithfully serve us 9 months of the year. We also thank Irina Thomas, our fabulous accompanist and Kelly Millar, our director.



Choir Members are:

Sopranos-Dorothy Martin, Joni Mattie, Trude Hayes, Robin Brautigam, and Debi McIlvaine

Altos-Doreen Cherep and Meredith Hutchison

Tenors-Steve Cherep, Allen Mattei and Bill Hutchison

Basses-Fred Hayes and Dan Walk

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Kelly MillarChoir Director
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that the Mixed Sunday School Class has donated \$500 towards relief in Nepal after the devastating earthquake? Thank you to this class of adults for their immense generosity in this time of great need.

This week:

Wednesday-Pastoral Relations 7:00PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Attendance for May 10: 68

Offering for May 10: \$2,218.35



We said good-bye to Denmark Manor UCC member Sara “Sallie” Bradley, who entered into eternal life on May 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Congregation member Helen Maynard made her journey to eternal life on May 10. May her family be comforted by our thoughts and prayers, and the peace of Christ which passes all understanding.

The Women’s Fellowship works to raise funds for a variety of projects here at Denmark Manor. Beside the money they make at their bake sales held at each of our dinners, the Women’s Fellowship has available selected Rada Cutlery and dish cloths that you can purchase at any time. To help everyone become more familiar with these products, Women’s Fellowship will hold a special sale after church on Sunday, June 7th.

Items available will include; various knives, vegetable peelers, spatulas, and dish cloths. Please take time on June 7th to look at these items and update your kitchen collection while supporting our church.

The Denmark Manor Day at Hoss’s in Murrysville (April 26) gave us a profit of \$153.56. Thanks to all who participated so generously.

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Choir Shoes - "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due that name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness." - Psalm 29

I have to say, I love pomp and circumstance. And no, I'm not talking the ubiquitous graduation march of the same name. I'm talking about the grandeur of a fully robed choir processional: section leaders keeping a watchful eye over the pacing, albs that would make my congregation's Puritan forebears wonder where they went wrong, organ going full tilt, the congregation singing with full voice. Fully robed choirs just seem to shout out the glory of God.

While I still feel that way, since becoming a minister I've learned something that those of you sitting in the pews may not know.

The choir is wearing some fascinating shoes.

Pumps and loafers and sneakers, suede and leather and canvas, black and red and leopard print, sensible to snazzy, clearly comfortable to something so stilettoed it seems built to bring on bunions, a dizzying array of footwear peeks out from below the hems of long choir robes.

It makes me smile every time I see it because, as much as we try to inject solemnity into our worship, the joy and spontaneity of the Living God comes bubbling up as well. As much as I believe we ought to skillfully execute our worship leadership, I know that just when we are at our most polished, the smiling joy of God will come like a gift, peeking through our preparation like a pair of purple paisley rainboots smack in the middle of the altos.

Prayer . . . God, help us take worship seriously . . . but not too seriously.

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