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First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday May 31, 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

*Ringing of the Bell

***Gathering Music**

All: Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

Let the breath of the Spi-rit breath on me.

Let it breathe on me, let it breath on me,

Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: # 26 “We Worship You, God” Verses 1, 2, 3**

Reading of Scripture: Romans 8:12-17

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Great God of love, you are lavish in your care for us, stunning us with beauty, answering our prayers, giving us ideas and friends when we are in need of help. Yet, how little we take notice of your care, how rarely we offer thanks, how quickly we think we are the only ones concerned. We easily get overwhelmed and overburdened, we seldom feel praise welling up in us, we let whining and grumbling have their way with us. God of great love, let us breathe deeply this day and experience your presence, as fresh as cool water. 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: “Gerty Gets a Family”

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

Anthem: "The Church is an Ark"

Sermon: "Adopted"

***Hymn: # 278 "Creator God, Creating Still"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of Veteran Ethan Jackson, 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 #26 "We Worship You, God" Verses 3,4**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

All: While I'm work-ing, God, in your vineyard here

I can-not serve with-out you near;

O come, bless-ed Spi-rit, so close to me

That I may feel you breathe on me.

*Postlude

Maddie Driscoll and Members of the Choir are our worship leaders today.

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 Pastor Meredith will lead worship at William Penn Care Center today at 2:00PM? When there is a 5th Sunday in a month she brings Denmark Manor to the skilled care unit. Many people in our congregation have been residents at William Penn from time to time. It would be wonderful to have representatives from the congregation attend, so that the residents could meet you, the people who support this ministry.

If you missed an opportunity to contribute to the **Strengthen the Church** offering last week, envelopes are available in this week's bulletin.

The Rev. Todd Snyder, who was Pastor of Denmark Manor from 1983 to 1990, retired after Easter and has moved to North Carolina. There is a card on the back table for you to sign as we send Todd and Carol our best wishes. If you wish to send your own acknowledgement, Todd's address is 3350 Club Villa Drive SE, Unit 1802, South Port, NC 28461-8179.

This week:

Today-Worship at William Penn Care Center 2:00PM

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Wednesday-Lenten Planning Committee 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Looking Ahead: Graduation Sunday is June 14. If you would like to include a Graduate, please let Pastor Meredith know.

Attendance for May 24: 43

Offering for May 24: \$1,910.00

Strengthen the Church: \$130.00

St. Barbara's Food Bank: \$10.00

Great Book Giveaway

Pastor Meredith has purged her library and has books to give away. They are on the back table. Please take as many as you want. She does not want them returned!

Next Sunday is the Special Kitchen Items Sale!

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 is holding a special sale after Worship on June 7. Items include: various knives, vegetable peelers, spatulas, and dish cloths to update your kitchen.

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

More (generosity) "Glory to the One whose power working in us can do far more than we can ask or imagine." - Ephesians 3:20

The last time I moved, like the time before, I discarded a ton of stuff that should've been tossed during the McKinley administration. I

learned again what a wretched acquisitive materialist I am. I vowed 'never again', **again**.

The day after the move, I went shopping. New digs require a trip to the mall, no? Seduced by late summer sales, I quickly replaced with new things all the old things I'd discarded. So when I'm told that God's power will do "abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine," I wax a bit facetious. God exceeds what we ask for? Gives what we never even thought to want? Where will I put it all?

Of course, if in fact I had nothing to my name except God's 'far more,' I'd be less flippant. And if I stopped joking about God's generosity and started practicing it, the world, including me, would be better off.

Stripping down is a good discipline. But don't bank on it to make you pure. Unless you're an angel, a Trappist, or a lily of the field, sooner or later you'll have stuff again. Is God enough? Yes, and we could use a new rug for the den. Isn't God all we desire? Yes, and don't you just love the new spring green Kitchen Aid mixer?

You don't fight materialism with anti-materialism any more than you fight obesity with starvation. What works is generosity—like God's—toward yourself, other people, and the earth.

Prayer . . . Spare me the yo-yo of anti-materialism, O God. Just let your power working in me make me more generous than I could ever ask or imagine.

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“That they may all be one.” The United Church of Christ is called to be a uniting and united church. Our Motto, “That they may all be one” represents our beliefs: in essentials, Unity; in nonessentials, diversity; in all things, charity.