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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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

*Ringing of the Bell

Introit (#239 Refrain only)

All: 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 #247 "My Shepherd is the Living God"

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

All: The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: How many times, O God, do we not pay attention to our Shepherd's voice? We, of all people, should know who he is and should know how to live because he leads us.

- **Yet, we go our own way, we stray from the path he would have us take, we think we can supply our own needs.**
- **We wander from our guide, protector and source of strength.**

Bring us back into the fold where we may be close to the One to cares for us in love. 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: “The Flock”

Sermon: “The Lord is My Shepherd”

***Hymn #252 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

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 on the back table of the sanctuary. If you require gluten free, please tell one of the Elders.)

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

Anthem: “Bread of Heaven”

(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)

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

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

Did you know that our profit from the Beef Dinner is about \$3,200? The Women's Fellowship made \$501 on their Bake Sale. **Thanks to everyone who helped** and especially Steve Cherep for chairing the dinner and Rheba Salac for handling ticket sales.

Attendance for April 30: 54
Offering for April 30: \$1,539.00

Thanks to all who contributed to the summer boxes for the Penn-Trafford Food for Kids Backpack Program. We will have a figure as to how much was collected in next Sunday's bulletin. If you still want to give, just designate Backpack Program on your envelope or check.

A reminder that if you are a member of the congregation **or** attend regularly, you have a mail box in the stair well between the sanctuary and the education wing. Please check your mailbox each week. If you don't have a mail box and would like one, please let the office know.

This week:

Monday-The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:00PM
Wednesday-Women's Fellowship 7:30PM
Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera. Pastor Meredith will not be able to attend, but the group will still meet and discuss John 14:15-21.

Looking ahead:

Ladies' Lunch and Laughter-May 20, 1:00PM
Make your reservation now! Call the church office at 724-744-4218 if you haven't yet signed up to attend. Office hours are Monday and Thursday from 9:00AM-3:00PM. You can also leave a message on the church's voicemail. **Also, please let us know if you are among the helpers for the luncheon. We are in need of 4 younger people, gals or guys, who can help with tickets and drawings. Please use the tear-off below and put it in the Offering Plate.**

I will help with the Ladies' Lunch & Laughter on May 20!

Name	Phone
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Denmark Manor United Church of Christ is Collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service

If you would like to help, please collect these kits through your local church and we will pick them up and get them to a shipping depot for delivery to Maryland. Please turn in your kits no later than May 21, 2017.

CWS Hygiene Kit Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One **wide-tooth comb** removed from the package (must be wide tooth!)
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten **standard size** Band-aid brand Band-aids (no small band-aids please!)

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey. (Value: \$15) Please include a processing fee: \$2 per Kit. We will remove this from the bag before we send the kits out, and this will be sent separately. Please don't hide the \$2.00, but make it visible so that we can find it.

Thanks so much for your help.

The Mission Committee, Denmark Manor United Church of Christ