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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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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

Opening Music

All: It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;

You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"

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1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,
 2 Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers, God's great power Shall win all na - tions
 4 Faith of our fa - thers, we will love Both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free, And blest would be their chil - dren's fate,
 un - to thee, And through the truth that comes from God,
 all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,
 If they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 Man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life. Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death. A - men.

Reading of Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: You do not call us to total perfection, O God, and you do not call us to be sanctimonious. You call us to holiness, to being set apart from the corruption of the world.

- We confess that we do not live up to the call you place upon us.
- We do not recognize the damage we do by our sin.
- We do not see the hurt that our carelessness and apathy cause others.
- We have not weeded the prejudice out of our souls. We give in too readily to sensuality and indulgence. *(continued)*

- We do not push ourselves to reach the next spiritual height.
- We do not stand up for those who cannot help themselves.

For all of the ways we fail to be a set-apart people, we ask your forgiveness. Take away our guilt and strengthen us from within. Enable us to be strong in our witness while avoiding self-righteousness. Mold us into the individuals and church you expect us to be. 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

Pastor: We worship a God who continually reclaimed the people of Israel when they failed to be a holy kingdom and a nation of priests. We worship a God who forgives the church for not taking its stand alongside Israel as the people of God. We worship a God who forgives us as individuals for our many sins. Praise God for mercy. In the name of Jesus the Christ we celebrate our forgiveness.

*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: "Dads and Substitute Dads"

Fathers' Day Recognition

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

Special Music: "Happy the Home When God is There"

Women's Choir

Sermon: "Unclean Spirits"

***Hymn: # 176 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"**

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"

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 #478 "I've Got Peace Like a River"**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

“Peace I Leave with You My Friends”

Refrain

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a 'Refrain' label and includes chords D, Em, G, D, and F#m. The lyrics are 'Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in'. The second system includes chords Em, Gm, D, Em, G, D, and F#m. The lyrics are 'all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to'. The third system includes chords Bm, Em, G, and D, and features a first ending bracket with measures 1-2 and a final measure 3. The lyrics are 'you so you can give to oth - ers, too.'

*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 because of your generosity, our giving to the general fund of the church is greater than it was at this time last year. Thank you for supporting our ministry. Indeed, God IS still speaking here at Denmark Manor United Church of Christ.

This week:
 Saturday-Bible Study at the Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Attendance for June 12: Attendance of the combined service with Hills Church was 150.

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Desire Paths

"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?" - Galatians 3:2-3

A desire path is the trail that pops up on a lawn when enough people take the same shortcut. If you've found yourself tracing a scar of hard-packed dirt across an otherwise green park or placing your boots in the snowy footprints of those who traveled this way before, you were on a desire path.

Despite designers' best intentions for a space, together, we always find these invisible walkways. It's as if they were there all along, just waiting for us to discover them.

For me, it's become a metaphor for grace. In my life I spend a lot of time designing the path to God, building the way of Jesus. I draw the layout, survey the land, pour the concrete...step by step. I am certain that if I labor hard enough, and long enough, and well enough, I will eventually reach my goal. I will work my way to God.

Like those foolish Galatians, having begun this journey in the Spirit, I look to my flesh to bring me across the finish line. But the joke's on me. Because, if I will simply look up from wherever I am in my road-making work, there is already a path laid out for me: the shortest distance between God's heart and mine. It's as if it was there all along, just waiting for me to discover it.

Prayer. . . My soul's desire, I lay down my way-making tools. Show me the shortcut to you.



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