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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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: #84 "This Is the Day"

Reading of Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: God of light, in your brightness, we see our failings. We have not followed in the ways of Jesus. We have too often followed our own desires rather than your will. We have not put you first in all things. We have ignored the nudgings of your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Pour your healing mercy over us that we might live life afresh, focused on you. 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: God, who is light, shines the light of mercy on all who sincerely confess. The Spirit of God comes with power for us to live anew and walk in the ways of Jesus Christ. We are forgiven!

*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: "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day"

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

Special Music: Ira Thomas, Piano

UCC Statement of Faith #885

Sermon: "So You Want to Follow Jesus?"

*Hymn: #492 "I Would Be True"

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 #493 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to
you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

*Postlude

Joyfa Kelly 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 today we are receiving an offering for St. Paul’s Homes, the continuing care community that our congregation supports? Yesterday, some of our church members enjoyed a bus trip and a day at St. Paul’s. St. Paul’s never rejects a resident once they run out of funds. Our offerings help in maintaining the quality care that St. Paul’s offers. According to Dorothy Martin: *St. Paul’s has been a mission of Denmark Manor for many years. We are privileged to be part of this fine organization that provides the highest quality care for the many senior residents living at this facility.*

This week: The office will be open on Monday and Thursday from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Beginning on Tuesday, Pastor Meredith will be on a silent retreat until July 4 and then will be on vacation through July 19. For the first week that she is away, Pastor Joseph Hedden will be covering for emergencies. He can be reached at 412-956-5252. For the second two weeks, Pastor John Titus will be covering and can be reached at 412-334-5496.

Looking ahead:

The Consistory will meet on July 11 instead of July 4.

The Worship Committee will meet on July 20.



Our Mission Project

Our summer mission project is to assemble school kits for Church World Service. Virginia Creese has made over 50 bags, so we hope that you can assemble more than one kit. Please include these items **exactly** as listed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Attendance for June 19: 65

Offering for June 19: \$2,268.00

Offering for June 12: \$591.00

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

What You Can Learn from a Cheater

"And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." - Luke 16: 8

A dishonest steward got word that his rich boss was onto him. Instead of owning up, the steward used his final days on the job to cut deals with the creditors so that someone would help him out when he got canned. Jesus says we can learn from this guy. Really?

I have a tendency -- true confessions here -- toward what folk wisdom calls being "penny wise and pound foolish," which means you hunt bargains while in other ways, ways to which you are often blind, you actually waste money foolishly. Just the other day while shopping a bargain I scored a \$53 parking ticket. The penny-pinching thing can be a kind of addiction.

So the dishonest steward was, at the very least, not a penny pincher. He was actually quite extravagant in his use of money (though it happened to be someone else's money). For him, money was not an end in itself. It was an instrument. A means to an end. We can learn from that.

By being too tight with a dollar, we can miss the divine intent. By falling into the trap of treating money as an end in itself, we miss things that are far more precious. Like the chance to be generous for a good cause, or the joy of getting a beautiful gift for a loved one. Don't be so uptight about money that you miss out on life.

Prayer . . . Help me, Holy One, not to be a damn fool but to be a fool for Christ. Amen.

About the Author . . . Tony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher, and writer. His newest book is Called to Lead: Paul's Letters to Timothy for a New Day. You can read Tony's "Weekly Meditation" and "What's Tony Thinking?" at his website, www.anthonbrobinson.com.