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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

*Ringing of the Bell

Introit

**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 #351 "I Was There to Hear Your Bournng Cry"

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Patient God, we think we know so much, but we do not know you as we should. We turn away from your truth, and we see what we want to see. When we think we know better than you do, draw us back to your wise teaching. We need to be reminded of what Jesus Christ has said and done on our behalf so we may look to him for all guidance. Send us your Spirit now, and lead us forward into your truth. 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: Making Promises

A Service of Confirmation: Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer of the Congregation

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things.

Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Congregational Affirmation

Leader: Let us, the members of Denmark Manor United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Sermon: "Claimed and Called by God"

***Hymn #354 "God, When I Came into This Life"**

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

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 #288 "Let it Breathe on Me"**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

All: **I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop-I want the world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

Carrying the light into the world.

*Postlude

Please join us for brunch and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following today's worship service. Thanks to Matt Brautigam, our chef!

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
- Robin Brautigam, Claire Hartung, Brenna Driscoll, Bella Long
- Today's Readers

Did you know that thanks to your generous support of time, talent and treasure, our Confirmands today are affirming their baptismal vows? While Pastor Meredith and Robin Brautigam have walked with them for the last 2 years, the entire congregation has walked with them throughout their lives. By your care, you can continue to walk with them as they grow in faith in Christ Jesus.



As we wind down our hygiene kit collection, we are aware that there is a diaper emergency in Westmoreland County. The County Children's Bureau is collecting diapers through the Mom's Helping Mom's program. Many families in our area who reside in poverty are unable to provide an adequate supply of diapers for their little ones. In addition to the health concerns it causes babies, it can also make it very difficult for a parent to work, as most daycares require that parents supply diapers. Diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC, putting them financially out of reach for our neediest families. Over the summer, we will be collecting diapers. You can bring in any amount in any size. *Your contribution is greatly appreciated!*

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Friday-Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Saturday-There is NO Bible Study. Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Looking ahead:

Next Sunday is Graduation Sunday and don't forget Fathers' Day on June 18.

Attendance for May 28: 48

Offering for May 28: \$1,394.00



Strengthen the Church Funds are at Work in the Penn West Conference. 25% of the Strengthen the Church offering stays in Conference for the building up of churches and their ministries.

- This past year our church received a \$1,000 grant for Pastor Meredith to work with a church transition specialist to help our leaders face the challenge of the changes that are taking place in our congregation.
- The Penn West Conference held a training on the use of Social Media for churches at the end of March 2017.
- The Conference is working with churches that do not have a website, so that within the next two years, every church can have an Internet presence.
- The Conference is working with Crows Feet/Holy Cow Consulting to test their Congregation Assessment Tool or CAT scan, so that churches have a realistic picture of their situations to make decisions for the future.
- Any church in the Penn West Conference can apply for a mission grant through the Conference's Strengthen the Church Funds.



Strengthen the Church: Multiple Choice

What is church?

- a) Worship on Sunday mornings
- b) Protests and rallies in support of the least of these
- c) Helping to feed the hungry and support the addicted
- d) All of the above!

Where is church?

- a) In the sanctuary and church building
- b) In breweries and coffee shops
- c) Around a dinner table
- d) All of the above!

Why church?

- a) To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves
- b) To be united in Spirit and inspired by God's grace to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all
- c) To vision a just world for all, united in Christ's love
- d) All of the above!

Where does Strengthen the Church money go?

- a) To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise
- b) To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants
- c) To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering
- d) All of the above . . . and so much more!

If you answered "d) all of the above!," then you're not only correct, but you're thinking outside of the buildings and boxes that have defined the message of Christianity for the last several decades. You're thinking on the forefront of the United Church of Christ and the way in which we are Strengthening the Church not only for the church we have grown up knowing, but for the church God is calling us to be!

Will you join us through our Special Mission Offering to Strengthen the Church? How?

- a.) Time - I will pray alongside the offering
- b.) Talent - I will tell the stories of my own church's engaging a Just World For All (contact justworld@ucc.org)
- c.) Treasure - I will donate towards Strengthen the Church
- d.) All of the above! ;)