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Sixth 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

*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 #318 "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: O God, we come to you in a spirit of regret and repentance.

We are in need. We are broken.

- **We have not lived as the people whom you created us to be.**
- **We have not lived faithfully as your witnesses.**
- **We have not reflected your love in our dealings with others.**
- **We have not done all the good that we should have.**
- **We have not kept faithfulness with your commandments.**

Forgive us, O Lord. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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: "Weave Us Together"

Sermon: "Bearing Fruit"

***Hymn #318 “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”**

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

***Hymn #522 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

*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

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
Bonnie Malovitz.....Today’s Reader

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Did you know that your gifts to the general fund provide this holy space and time for us to worship every week? Thank you for your generosity.

This week:

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Attendance for July 9: 50

Offering for July 9: \$1,647.00



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 is very difficult for a working parent to work, to supply diapers for daycare. They cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC, putting them financially out of reach for our neediest families. We’ll be collecting diapers over the summer, you can bring in any amount or size. *Your contribution is greatly appreciated!*

At the Penn West Academy for anyone interested:



United Church of Christ Courses on the Old and New Testament, Church History, Worship and Preaching, Theology and UCC Covenant and Polity. The Academy meets 4 times a year, and any congregation member can attend and audit a course, a wonderful learning experience in Christianity! You can call the Penn West

Conference at 724-834-0344 for more information and a catalog on the 2017-18 study year, or speak with Pastor Meredith.

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From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

This is Real - Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak. - 2 Corinthians 4:13

If you've spent any time in museums or wandered wide-eyed through an ancient city, you know how it goes: After a while, your brain cannot absorb another factoid. "Ho hum," you think.

I was approaching the "ho-hum" stage recently as a tour guide described the stunning artifacts privately preserved inside a large, glass-enclosed case. They included an original manuscript in Teresa of Avila's flowery script, a special drum, a rare painting. And then the guide came to La Santa's cape, a heavy woolen thing grandly displayed.

Suddenly her demeanor changed. She demanded our attention. Pointing to the nearly 500-year-old cape—which, according to legend, would guarantee a safe and easy delivery to a pregnant woman who had been wrapped in it—she said, "I believe! This is real."

It turns out that when our guide had been with child, the cloistered keepers of the cape had taken the holy relic out of the case and draped it across her shoulders. Later, after just 10 minutes' labor, the guide delivered a perfect baby girl she named Sol (Spanish for "sun").

"This is real!" the guide said again, her dark eyes burning with passion. She showed us a photo of herself wearing the cape, looking for all the world like a young Teresa. "I believe," she whispered.

What if our faith were like that? What if we allowed ourselves to be wrapped in grace and then called our friends to attention to tell them the real, life-giving ways God has broken into our lives? Chances are, the hearers would never forget it. Chances are, we wouldn't either.

Prayer . . . Holy God, may I never forget the real ways you have healed me and brought me to new life. And as I know, so may I speak.



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