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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2015

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

***Gathering Music**

All: Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

Let the breath of the Spi-rit breath on me.

Let it breathe on me, let it breath on me,

Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: # 1 "Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise"**

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Eternal and Loving God, we come to You with a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt, knowing full well that we cannot really worship until we confess those things whereby we have strayed like lost sheep.

We have been swift to condemn and slow to understand. We have often spoken harsh words while withholding healing ones. We have held tightly to old prejudices and yet have cried "Foul" when others make unfair assumptions about us. We have even dared to assume who is worthy of Your love and forgiveness and who is not.

Forgive us, we humbly pray. Convict and encourage us with Your Holy Spirit so that we would truly be loving disciples and faithful witnesses of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, in Whose precious name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

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.

Children's Time: **“What Does Denmark Manor United Church of Christ Look Like?”**

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

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon: **“And the Wall Came Tumblin’ Down!”**

***Hymn: #51 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor and in memory of all Vietnam Veterans, and as a prayer for all 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 #391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

All: While I’m work-ing, God, in your vineyard here

I can-not serve with-out you near;

O come, bless-ed Spi-rit, so close to me

That I may feel you breathe on me.

*Postlude

Evelyn Valesky is participating in today’s service.

We welcome as worship leader and preacher The Rev. Dr. Robert McKie who is a retired United Church of Christ pastor, having served St.Peter’s, Punxsutawney; St. Paul’s, Trauger; and Trinity, Greensburg, since being ordained in 1972. A native of Winsted, Connecticut, he is a graduate of Springfield College-Springfield, Massachusetts; Andover Newton Theological School- Newton Centre, Massachusetts; and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

He was an officer in the United States Army Transportation Corps and served a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He resides in Unity Township with his wife, Susan, and their four feline “kids.” Bob sings in the Westmoreland Choral Society, is the bass in the “Harmony Sounds” Barbershop Quartet, and is a passionate ferroequinologist. (He will be glad to explain what a ferroequinologist is, if you ask him.)

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
 Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
 Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
 Kelly MillarChoir Director
 Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
 Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that we are part of the region of the United Church of Christ known as The Penn West Conference? The Rev. David Ackerman, who grew up as a part of Denmark Manor is the Conference Minister, and the offices are newly located at First Reformed Church in Greensburg.

The new address is:

The United Church of Christ in the Penn West Conference
 312 South Maple Ave., Suite PWC, Greensburg PA 15601
 724-834-0344

This week:

Pastor Meredith is on a Silent Retreat and will return on Wednesday, July 22. Also the office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

While Pastor Meredith is away, Rev. McKie will be covering for her. In case of a pastoral emergency, you can contact him at 724-834-8534.

There WILL be Bible Study on Saturday at the Murrysville Panera. We meet at 9:00AM and look forward to new members.

Attendance for July 12:
 Offering for July 12: \$2,112.00
 Stillspeaking Sign: \$219.00

Today is the Level Green Lions "**Concert on the Corner**" at Rt. 130 & Murrysville Road in Level Green from 4-8PM (Ball Field at the PTARC building). There will be lots of community booths with food & drinks. Extra parking is at Level Green Presbyterian Church parking lot. There will be jazz, oldies, and patriotic music. **Our CROP Walk committee has a booth with silent auction gift basket(s).**

Take me out to the Ball Game! Saturday, September 5 at 7PM the Washington Wild Things play the Windy City Thunderbolts at the CONSOL Energy Park, 1 Washington Federal Way, Washington, PA 15301. Adult tickets are \$18 with youth under 18 free when you register. First 1,000 guests receive a free T-shirt. The UCC Choir organized by Pastor Meredith will sing "God Bless America" before the game. Registration/payment forms are on the back table in the Sanctuary and due by Sunday, August 16. The Ball Game is an All-Association Event organized by our UCC Westmoreland Association. Call 724-541-1412 with questions.

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ
No Bucket - "The woman said to Jesus, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.'" - John 4:11

The sign at the supermarket entrance was big, bright, and accusatory: "Did you remember your reusable grocery bags?" It was the last straw, and it broke her.

She had a lot on her plate at work. She wasn't sleeping. The commute was killing her. She'd been stopping at MacDonald's every night. No, dammit, she hadn't remembered her reusable grocery bags. She could barely remember her name. And right there, where they stack the carts, she wept.

I have no bucket, and the well is deep.

Been there? There now? Out of energy, out of time, out of resources, out of sorts, no breath, no bags, no bucket? Scripture says that one hot day in Samaria, Jesus was there too. Empty-handed, just like you.

Seeing Jesus without a bucket might make you feel not so alone, not so stupid, not so much like a failure, not so empty after all. And that would be good too.

Prayer . . . Let me comfort you, Jesus. Rest in me. Comfort me, Jesus. Let me rest in you.

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