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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

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 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.

George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har-vest home;  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To thy fi-nal har-vest home;

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
Wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown;  
From his field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,  
Gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied;  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear;  
Give his an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In thy pres-ence to a-bide;

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit-ful ears to store In his gar-ner ev-er more.  
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home. A-men.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Call to Reconciliation

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

*by the Reverend Dr. Kwasi I. Kenaby*

**All: Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them."**

**For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me. For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.**

**For the times I avert my gaze so I won't have to look at their condition — forgive me.**

**For the times I wished they would all go away and live somewhere else —forgive me.**

**For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.**

**For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me.**

**In the name of Jesus, I 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

*Pastor: Hear the good news. Through Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. God hears. God cares. God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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.

A Time for Children: "What's Wrong with Weeds?"

Sermon: "To Weed or Not to Weed"

**\*Hymn #528 "You Are the Seed"**

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 #609 “Now Is the Time Approaching”

\*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

A huge THANK YOU to Fred Hayes who has filled in on the piano while Ira Thomas, our regular keyboardist has been in Russia visiting her family. And we welcome Ira back after her trip.

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
- Joyfa Kelly .....Today’s Reader

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**Did you know** that the CROP Walk is set for October 15 at Bushy Run Battlefield? This annual event raises funds to help those who are hungry at home and to put in place hunger initiatives around the world. 25% of the money raised stays in the Penn-Trafford Community to help St. Barbara’s and the Trafford Community Food

Banks. Last year we raised \$7,657.92, with our food banks each receiving \$957.24.

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

Looking ahead: Pastor Meredith will be on vacation from July 31 through August 6. There **will be** communion on August 6 with The Rev. Robert McKie officiating.

Dave Conner and Steve Sturgeon will be offering special music with a trumpet duet on August 27.

Attendance for July 16: 41    Offering for July 16: \$1,897.00

We are aware that there is a diaper emergency in Westmoreland County. It is very difficult for a working parent to supply diapers for daycare. They cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC, putting them financially out of reach. Bring in any amount or size. *The last day for the diaper collection is July 30!*

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----- **I NEED A PAPER DIRECTORY** -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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