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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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 #540 "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed", Verses 1,2,3,4  
To the tune of #479**

*For those of you who read music, please note that we are changing the tune for this hymn to one that is more familiar. Just sing along with the tune Ira plays and you will get it.*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Call to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Reconciliation

Pastor: *Lord Jesus,*

*you have said that your followers must be the light to the world.*

*Light propagates itself, dispels darkness.*

*It sows rays of joy and hope. It is life-giving.*

People: **Help me, Lord, to be a light to this world,  
so that my life radiates your message of love, hope, and joy.  
May I be the beacon leading to You those who seek truth.**

Pastor: *You also said, Lord Jesus,*

*that your disciples must be the salt to this earth.*

*Salt gives taste to food.*

*It retards spoilage.*

*It is also a healing agent.*

People: **Lord, may I be the salt  
that takes away the blandness in the routine of living,  
that prevents the rottenness of hatred and greed  
from expanding around me,  
that brings compassionate healing to anguished souls I encounter.  
Lord, help me to be "worth my salt."  
And infuse your "saltiness" in me,  
so that I do not become "flat" and useless.**

Pastor: *"Be the leaven to the world," said You to your friends.*

*Bread, a staple of life, and cakes, always present at celebrations,  
would be dull and lifeless without the tiny bit of yeast.*

*Without it, the dough remains inert, hard.*

*Elsewhere, You also told us to multiply our talents.*

*You expect that we use the talents you gave us  
as the leaven to this world.*

People: **Teach me, Lord Jesus, that alone I am insignificant,  
but mixed with the talents of my brothers and sisters,  
I can lift this world out of its insipid mediocrity.  
May I be a bit of leaven in the Bread of Life,  
and a sign of Your celebration in this life and life eternal. 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: “You Are the Seed”

Sermon: “The Kingdom of Heaven is Now!”

**\*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 #181 “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”**

\*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

**Did you know** that in 2016 Denmark Manor UCC gave \$6,574.04 to Our Church’s Wider Mission Basic Support for the work of the Penn West Conference? Please see the enclosed brochure so that you know how these funds are used.

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  
Myrt Driscoll..... Today's Reader

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[www.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://www.InstantChurchDirectory.com). The app is called InstantChurchDirectory. Please let the office know if there are any errors or changes, and if you don't have internet or phone access to it, we will provide a paper copy. For updates and corrections call 724-744-4218 Monday or Thursday from 9:00AM-3:00PM or email the office at [DenmarkManorUCC@outlook.com](mailto:DenmarkManorUCC@outlook.com).



This week: Pastor Meredith will be on vacation from Monday, July 31 through Sunday, August 6. While she is away, the Rev. Joseph Hedden, Pastor of Hill's Church will be covering for emergencies. His Phone numbers are: Office 724-327-3050, and Cell 412-956-5252

The Rev. Dr. Robert McKie will be leading worship next Sunday. There will be the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Bible Study group will meet on Saturday at 9:00AM at the Murrsville Panera for coffee and conversation.

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

**Our worship time returns to 11:00AM on September 3.** Sunday school will begin on September 10.

**There will be a congregational meeting on September 24 immediately following worship to vote on changes in our bylaws.** The

Consistory has proposed that we change the number of Elders from 3 to 2 and the number of Trustees from 3 to 2 with a two-year instead of a three-year term. The Deacons will remain at 4 for a two-year term. We are making these changes to adapt to the smaller size of our congregation and to help the nominating committee find people who will commit to serve. Copies of the constitution and bylaws with the changes are in your mailboxes and on the back table in the sanctuary. Please take the time to read them and attend the meeting on September 24. We welcome visitors to this meeting, but only members can vote.



**The CROP Hunger Walk is October 15** at Bushy Run Battlefield. Registration begins at 1:30 with the Walk starting at 2:00. Registration forms and collection envelopes will be available early in September.

The Ham Dinner is October 21.

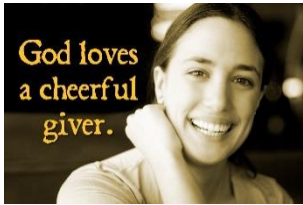
Attendance for July 16: 49

Offering for July 16: \$1,439.00

Turtle Creek Calvary United Church of Christ: \$238.00

**On June 4, Calvary United Church of Christ, our sister church in Turtle Creek, was broken into and severely vandalized.** Even their copper pipes were stolen. This church is tiny but mighty and has an important ministry of a thrift store, which the community depends on.

The churches of the Penn West Conference have been asked to help Calvary UCC with their recovery, which is ongoing. If you find it in your heart to help, please use the enclosed envelope. Even a small amount would be gratefully received. Here is what has happened to date:



“A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to our sisters and brothers in the United Church of Christ. Your overwhelming outpouring of prayers and support, emotional, physical, and financial has been a true blessing to us as we

recover, emotionally and physically, from the June 4 break-in which resulted in thousands of dollars in damages to plumbing and many hours of clean-up following the trashing of the offices and other areas.

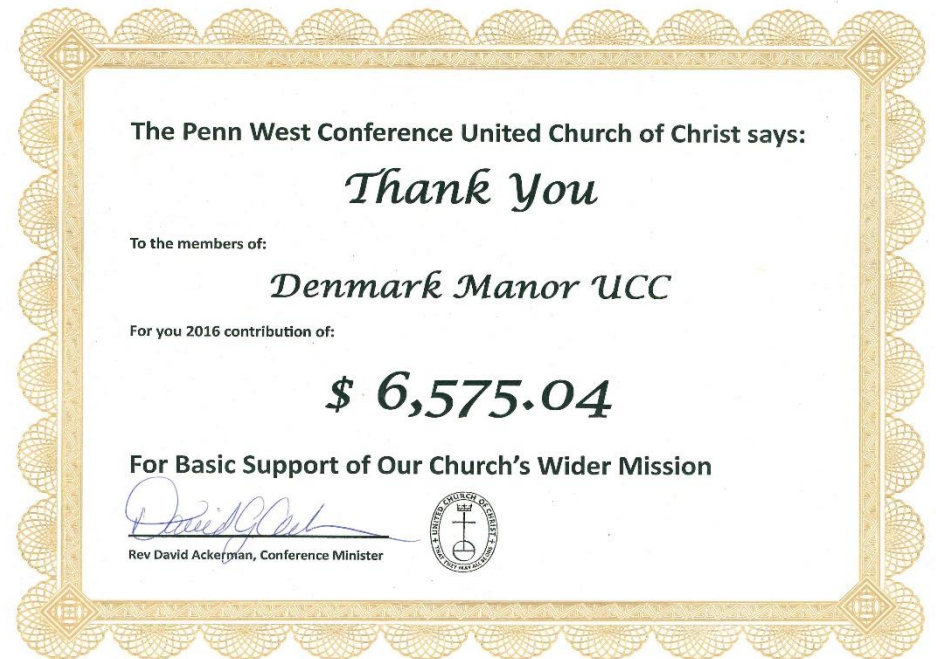
We are most grateful to Pastor Linda Miller-Pretz and Joel Pretz, who are acting as project managers, Pastor David Mears, Gladys Pluskey, Donna Sailer, Pastor Tom Johnson, The Neighborhood Academy basketball team, Dennis Hack, David Jones, and Steve Umpirowicz who have donated time and energy to such an enormous task in order that we may continue to serve the community with our Opportunity Shop as repairs continue to be completed. We could not have managed this overwhelming recovery project without their help.”

**We have received \$238.00 to date for our sister church. Thank you for your generosity!**



Please see the insert in today’s Bulletin from our Penn West Conference about “**Our Church’s Wider Mission**”. We have received a Certificate for our contributions; it is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Education Wing. Thanks to all our members for their amazing steadfast help all year long.

We are also a 5-for-5 Church, contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent, Strengthen the Church at Pentecost, Neighbors in Need during the Fall season, Veterans of the Cross for our retired



clergy at Christmas, and Our Church’s Wider Mission on Sundays. Our commitments to giving joyfully and welcoming others without reservation have made a great difference in the lives of many, many in need. Our continued acts of generosity increase God’s power throughout the world. Thank you!

**“God is still speaking . . .”**