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Thirteenth 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

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

Opening Music

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: #459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Reading of Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

Responsive Reading-Excerpts from Psalm 80

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Pastor: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Pastor: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Pastor: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

A Moment of 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:” God Can Mend a Broken Heart”

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

Sermon: “Restore Us, O Lord”

***Hymn: #575 “O for a World”**

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 #592 “God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

“Peace I Leave with You My Friends”

The musical score is for the benediction response "Peace I Leave with You My Friends". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too." The score includes a "Refrain" section at the beginning and a repeat sign with first, second, and third endings at the end.

*Postlude

Rob Driscoll is participating in today's worship service along with...
 The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
 Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
 Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
 Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
 Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that our summer mission project is the assembling of School Kits for Church World Service? Virginia Creese has made over 50 bags, so we hope that you can provide more than one kit. Please include these items **exactly** as listed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (**Rounded tip, only-NO sharp ended scissors, please!**)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package

One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Below you can see how happy children are when they have received a school bag full of supplies!



The lovely gladioli and sheaf of wheat gracing the Altar are in memory of Doris Galko. Today would be her 84th birthday.

This week:

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM. Newcomers are welcome. No previous knowledge of the Bible is required!

Attendance for August 7: 50

Offering for August 7: \$984.00 · West Virginia Flood Relief: \$20.00



To My Church Family, Thank you all for your cards, calls, notes, thoughts and prayers sent my way for my recovery. Know that you are in my heart as well, John Peters

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ Pastor as Pointer

"It has been reported to me that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. Each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Peter.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?" - 1 Corinthians 1: 11-13

People in the First Church of Corinth had succumbed to cults of personality. Some strutted about claiming allegiance to Pastor Apollos, some to Pastor Peter, others to Pastor Paul, forgetting that pastors are called to point beyond themselves to Christ.

Thank goodness we've gotten over that. Surely no one in your church has the current or former minister on a pedestal so high they block out the cross. If so, you might get a testy email from Paul, similar to the letter he wrote to the cultish Corinthians, saying, "Can Christ be divided? Have any of the leaders you put above Christ died and been raised to new life for you? Were you baptized in their name?"

Your pastor might be the most amazing minister ever to grace God's church. As wonderful as they are, they did not die for you and for the sin of the world. You were not baptized in their name. You were baptized in the name above every name, the one who is the true Lord and head of your church.

Far more important than worship attendance and giving, your minister's ability to point beyond herself to Jesus, and follow his lead, is the best measure of success.

Prayer . . . Jesus, let my church profess you as Lord and help us support our pastor's call to point to you.

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