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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 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: #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Verses 1, 2, 3

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Almighty God, you are holy. We truly have fallen short of the expectations you have of us. Forgive us. In the name of Christ who died to reconcile us to you, please come to our aid.

- **Lead us from the paths of disaster, and direct us toward holiness.**
- **Teach us to pray as the saints have prayed.**
- **Teach us to love as the godly have loved.**
- **Teach us to serve without counting the cost as your true servants have done throughout time.**
- **Most of all, grant us the courage to dare to be Christians in reality rather than in pretense, however difficult it may be.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence

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: Bulletins at Home

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

Sermon: "Bulletproof"

***Hymn: #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Verses 4-5**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Peace is lit in honor of Rick Miller's brother, USMC Sgt. Steven E. Miller, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Special Music: "Near to the Heart of God"

Dave Conner and Steve Sturgeon, Trumpet

(As we prepare ourselves for prayer, please think on this text that goes with Dave & Steve's duet.

- 1. There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God.
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.*
- 2. There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.*
- 3. There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God.
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.*

*Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.)*

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 #418 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"**

*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

Allen and Joni Mattei are participating in today's service.

We thank Dave Conner and Steve Sturgeon for the music today.

We also thank Fred Hayes for filling in at the piano while Ira is away.

What talented people we have to grace our worship!

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 next Sunday we will receive an offering for **St. Paul's Continuing Care Homes**? When we have a fifth Sunday in a month, we set it aside to help the ministry of St. Paul's. We have been supporting St. Paul's for many years. This ministry began as an orphanage. With the advent of the foster care system there was no

longer a need for orphanages in this county, and St. Paul's combined with another facility, becoming a nursing home. Now it is a thriving continuing care community for seniors in Greenville, PA. St. Paul's never sends people away when their funds are exhausted. Bill Martin is on the board of directors for St. Paul's and we thank him for his faithfulness. If you wish to support St. Paul's with a special gift, envelopes are in today's bulletin. We will have them next week as well.

This week:

Monday-Confirmation Teachers' Meeting 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at the Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Sunday, August 30: The Men from the Choir will sing.

Looking ahead: Our annual **Corn Roast and Barbecue** will be held on September 20 at 3PM with dinner at 5PM. You don't want to miss the fabulous food and fun that we have at this event. Please, bring a guest! This is a great way to know get to know the friends of Denmark Manor United Church of Christ. There is an invitation inserted in today's bulletin that you can pass onto a friend. Don't forget to bring a covered dish, salad or dessert!

Attendance for August 16: 52

Offering for August 16: \$1,520.00

Food Bank: \$25.00

Sunday, August 30 is the Hill's Church Ice Cream Cruise on the Gateway Clipper. The Cruise begins at 1PM and returns about 3PM. Adults: \$25, Children 12 and under: \$12 for the Cruise, Ice Cream Sundae and Magic Show. Call 724-327-3050 or 412-956-5252 for tickets. The Clipper Dock is at Station Square in Pittsburgh.

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 \$10 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.

We are continuing our summer mission project to assemble Church World Service hygiene kits. To date we have received 6 kits and we thank our generous donors. To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need (new items):

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®
- One washcloth
- One nail clipper
- One wide-tooth comb (must be wide-tooth)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)



Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Consider assembling one or more kits, and give them to Joyfa Kelly before September 6.

Youth Ministries

In case you have not heard, our **Penn West Conference is pleased to welcome Valarie Poole** as our new Associate for Youth Ministry. She serves as the Director of Christian Education at First Reformed UCC in Greensburg and is a graduate of the Penn West Academy for Ministry. Valarie would like to create a database of youth and young adults who want to be involved in youth ministry in the Conference. To sign up for this database, go to:

<http://www.pennwest.org/content/youth-ministries.html#> and click "[Here](#)" under Youth Ministries for the online form. Announcements may be sent to: pennwestyouth@gmail.com. You can [Like](#) our new page on Facebook: [Penn West Conference Youth!](#)

As a Partner in Faith Formation, Valarie has already advised our Christian Education Committee as we incorporate technology as a tool in Faith Formation.

*One of the things on the horizon that we are asking people to put on their calendars is the **United Church of Christ National Youth Event, which is scheduled for July 26-29, 2016 at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about this exciting event in the future!***