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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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. ✠**

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 145:13b-21)

**Pastor: The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds.**

**Congregation: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.**

**Congregation: You open Your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. (continued)**

**Pastor: The Lord is just in all His ways, and kind in all His doings.**

**Congregation: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

**Pastor: He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him; He also hears their cry, and saves them.**

**Congregation: The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.**

**All: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His Holy Name forever and ever.**

### \*Hymn #8 "Praise to the Living God"

Curtis Beach, author of this hymn, was for many years pastor of Smithfield United Church in downtown Pittsburgh and held standing in the Pittsburgh Association, Penn West Conference, United Church of Christ.

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 55:1-13

Romans 9:1-5

Call to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Reconciliation

Loving God, as we begin worship, we are painfully aware of those things we have done, or failed to do, that have violated Your trust in us to live and speak as Your Son taught.

We have spoken hurtful words instead of offering encouragement. We have been swift to condemn others, while conveniently justifying our own deficits. We have been eager to speak but slow to listen. We have stood silently by while others were unfairly judging one of Your children.

We can only appeal to Your mercy and forgiveness that have been promised us when we turn to You with penitent hearts. Encourage and renew us with Your Holy Spirit, we earnestly pray, so that we will do a better job at being Your Son's faithful and loving disciples. We pray in Christ's name. 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: “What on Earth is A Disciple?”

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: “Come As You Are ... and Bring Whatever You Have!”

\***Hymn #596** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Our Morning Prayers

*Pastor: 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are on the back table of the sanctuary. If you require gluten free, please tell one of the Elders.)

Communion Hymn #332 “As We Gather at Your Table”

The Invitation

*Pastor: This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ’s way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God’s mercy and assurance.*

*Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. (continued)*

*Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age*

The Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

Congregation: **And with you.**

Pastor: *Lift your hearts.*

Congregation: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to God Most High.*

Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: *Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing.*

*We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.*

*We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.*

*We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm.*

*We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life.*

*With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:*

All: **Holy, holy, holy  
God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory,  
O God Most High.**

Pastor: *We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after*

*supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.*

All: **In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

Pastor: *Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.*

*Come, for all things are ready.*

Pastor: *Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.*

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: *Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

All: **Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

\*Hymn #532 "Come, Labor On"

\*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



**We welcome to our pulpit today, the Rev. Dr. Robert McKie.**

Bob was born and raised in Winsted, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Springfield College, Andover Newton Theological School, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served three years in the Army Transportation Corps, including a tour in Vietnam.

He retired in March 1, 2011 after 18 1/2 years as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Greensburg, now with a total of 46 1/2 years as an ordained United Church of Christ minister. He and his wife, Susan, reside in the Charter Oak section of Unity Township along with their four feline “kids”. Bob sings in the Westmoreland Choral Society and is a passionate ferroequinologist.

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

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**Did you know** that our church is a 5 for 5 congregation? This means that we give to the work of the United Church of Christ in 5 ways: through our Basic Support of the Penn West Conference and through the all-church offerings-Neighbors in Need, The Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross), One Great Hour of Sharing and Strengthen the Church.



This week:

- Monday-Pastor Meredith Returns to the office  
Consistory 7:00PM
- Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera

Looking ahead:

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

We return to our 11:00AM worship hour on September 3.

- The CROP Walk is October 15 at Bushy Run Battlefield at 2:00PM.
- The Ham Dinner is October 21.



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Attendance for July 30: 54  
Offering for July 30: \$2,105.00  
Turtle Creek Calvary United Church of Christ: \$85.00

**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. We will continue to have 4 Deacons 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.

