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Twelfth 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: #565 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Verses 1, 2 (omit verses 3 and 4)**

Reading of Scripture: Luke 12:32-40

Call to Reconciliation

## Reconciliation Prayer

**All: We confess to you, great Lover of all creation, that we have failed to love you with our whole being.**

- **We have been seduced by the things of this world and we have let them guide our lives instead of you.**
- **We have poured out our affections on things that could never satisfy.**
- **We have failed to love and care for our neighbors as we do ourselves.**
- **We have ignored many in need and we have hated our enemies.**
- **We have failed to understand that all humanity is our neighbor.**

**Forgive us and by the power of your Holy Spirit restore in us a never-failing love of you and of our neighbors. 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.

Children's Time: "Learning to Share"

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

Sermon: "Hoarders! Buried Alive"

**\*Hymn: #565 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Verses 3, 4**

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation

*Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

**All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

*Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.*

The Communion Prayer

*Pastor: God be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor Lift up your hearts.*

**People We lift them to God.**

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

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Pastor: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.*

*We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.*

*We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.*

*We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.*

*We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of*

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Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

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

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also 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.<sup>3</sup> Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.**

Pastor: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

**All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Pastor: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

### Lamb of God

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### Call to the Supper

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

### Sharing the Elements

Pastor: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

### 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 #562 "Take My Gifts"

\*The Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Peace I Leave with You My Friends"

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a 'Refrain' section and a final line with first, second, and third endings.

\*Postlude

Brenna 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 you can still order the second edition of the Denmark Manor History Book? The cost is \$30 with an additional charge for shipping if you cannot pick up your books at the church. The deadline for ordering is August 15. We are soon going to press and the turnaround is fast, so we hope to have the books by the end of the month. Use the order form on the back table. Prepayment is requested with your order.

This week:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:00PM

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

Looking ahead-The date has been set for our annual Corn Roast and Barbecue. Please come on Sunday, September 11. Entertainment is at 3:00 with dinner about 5:00PM. Don’t forget to invite a friend!

Attendance for July 31: 44

Offering for July 31: \$1,625.00

West Virginia Flood Relief: \$157.00

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**From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ Mouth Guard**

"Holy One, set a guard at my mouth, a watcher at the gate of my lips."  
- Psalm 141: 3

There is a time to speak up and to speak out; and there is a time to be quiet, to refrain from speaking — even though we may wish with all that is in us to speak. So, here the Psalmist asks God to, "Set a guard at my mouth, a watcher at the gate of my lips." That's quite an image, a holy mouthguard. A little sentry at our lips, upon our tongue. In what circumstances might we need such a mouth guard? Is it when we are just babbling on, without saying anything of consequence? Perhaps. Or is it when we are inclined to say something malicious about another? That too.

But most of all, I need the holy mouthguard when I am tempted to justify myself, to make my case for my own rectitude or innocence, my own virtue or significance. The theologian, H. Richard Niebuhr, observed that, "Self-justification is the most prevalent source of error."

In the face of accusations or personal attack, or in the midst of conflict, it is difficult to not want to make our case, to explain ourselves and put ourselves in a good light. We long to protest that we are right or in the right. But it may be precisely then that we need to be cautious, to call upon God to set, "A watcher at the gate of my lips," and to refrain from self-justifying remarks.

In the 141st Psalm, the author faces a time of just such provocation. What does the Psalmist do instead of speaking? "To you Lord God, I turn my eyes. I take shelter in you, do not leave me exposed!" The Psalmist turns to God for his justification, for her solace, for security and serenity. In the face of provocation, the Psalmist prays, turning it over to God.

One of the core truths of the Christian faith, as I understand it, is that we are "justified by God's grace." We cannot, in the end, justify ourselves. And to attempt to do so only makes things worse. Better to trust that we are held in God's love, justified by God's grace, and that some things are best left unsaid.

Prayer . . . Grant, Holy One, the wisdom to discern when is the time to speak and when is the time to be silent. And if the latter, help me. Amen.



*About the Author . . . Tony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher, and writer. His newest book is Called to Lead: Paul's Letters to Timothy for a New Day. You can read Tony's "Weekly Meditation" and "What's Tony Thinking?" at his website, www.anthonibrobinson.com.*

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**Did you know that our Summer Mission Project** is assembling School Kits for Church World Service? Virginia Creese has made over 50 bags, so we hope that you can assemble 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)