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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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—"Here I Am, Lord" ***

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send?

Chorus

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,

'Til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own.

Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires and those that challenge our faith from within the world.

Forgive us for those times;

- when we have ignored the needs of others;
- when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;

- when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.

Loving Lord, in your forgiveness you offer again your invitation to know your love, to be loved, and to respond to your call. In hearing your voice may we find our place within your creation. 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: “Take Off Your Shoes”

Sermon: “Here I Am, Lord”

***Hymn #531 “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”**

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 on the back table of the sanctuary. If you require gluten free, please tell one of the Elders.)

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

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 #347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

*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

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
- Joni and Allen Mattei..... Today’s Readers

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Did you know that today we are receiving an offering in response to Hurricane Harvey, to help the Disaster Relief Ministries of the United Church of Christ? The UCC Partners with other relief organizations who work in the short term, as we help people rebuild over the long term. Donation envelopes are provided for your convenience.

This week:

Monday-Labor Day. The office is closed

Thursday-Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM

Choir 7:00PM

Friday-Office hours 9:00AM-3:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study 9:00AM at Murrysville Panera

Looking ahead:

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 were put 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 next week.

The Ham Dinner is October 21.

Our on-line directory is now available on your computer or phone. Only members of the church can access the directory. For computer access go to: 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.

Attendance for August 27: 52

Offering for August 27: \$1,723.00