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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day**

Choir: *That our God has made.*

All: **That our God has made.**

Choir: *We will rejoice.*

All: **We will rejoice.**

Choir: *And be glad in it.*

All: **And be glad in it.**

All: **This is the day that our God has made.**

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day that our God has made.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: # 327 "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time: "Welcome to the Table"

Reading of Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: **We confess to you, our Host, and before one another that we have sinned.**

- **You open your table, your realm and your arms to all creation and invite all your children to the banquet of your gracious love.**
- **We are not so open.**
- **We pick and choose who we want to eat with and, even, who we want to sit by in worship.**
- **Where you draw together, we draw lines of division.**
- **Where you share the bounty, we hoard to ourselves.**

Forgive us and grant us the grace of your Spirit that we may become generous as you are generous. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: *God is generous and does not let our sinfulness drive us from the table. Always the invitation is open to come and dine. God offers us grace, forgiveness and the power of the Spirit that we may truly live as God's children.*

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.

Sermon: “Who Is Allowed at Christ’s Table?”

***Hymn: #388 “Help Us Accept Each Other” Verses 1, 2**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of Dark Horse 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and in memory of the 12 young Marines of this Battalion who have given their lives. We light this candle as a prayer for their families, friends and fellow Marines. On August 31, DMUCC received a prayer request for Marines Justin Allen†, 23; Brett Linley†, 29; Matthew Weikert†, 29; Justus Bartett, 27†; Dave Santos†, 21; Chase Stanley†, 21; Jesse Reed†, 26; Matthew Johnson†, 21; Zachary Fisher†, 24; Brandon King†, 23; Christopher Goeke†, 23; and Sheldon Tate†, 27. We also pray for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer “Pray”

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

The Anthem: “Gather Round”

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 #388 “Help Us Accept Each Other” Verses 3, 4**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day**

Choir: *When the Spirit came.*

All: **When the Spirit came.**

Choir: *We will rejoice.*

All: **We will rejoice.**

Choir: *And be glad in it.*

All: **And be glad in it. This is the day when the Spirit came. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day when the Spirit came.**

*Postlude

Next week we will have The Kindle Fire Tablets for the children’s use during worship. They must be signed out and signed back in at the end of the service.

Dan Walk and Robin Brautigam are participating in today’s service along with....

The Congregation.....	Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....	Pastor
Irina Thomas.....	Organist and Keyboard
Kelly Millar	Choir Director
Rheba Salac.....	Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....	Sexton

Did you know that gifts to the Memorial Fund have helped in providing technology for our children? The Memorial Fund is an account of the Memorial Committee, separate from the General Funds. Currently Ethel Hill, Art Long, John Peters and Pat Long serve on the Committee, with Pat as the Treasurer. You can contribute to it as a tribute to a family member or friend who has

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entered eternal life. You can also list the Memorial Fund of Denmark Manor United Church of Christ as a suggested place where donations can be made so that others can honor your loved one.

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)
- One wide-tooth comb - must be wide-tooth!!**
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®
- One washcloth
- One nail clipper



Please! >
Wide-Tooth
Combs >
only!

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.

Sign up TODAY for the CROP Hunger Walk at Bushy Run Battlefield. The DATE is OCTOBER 4, with registration at 1:30PM. This year we hope to raise at least \$8,000 with \$2,000 going to the food banks in Penn Township and Trafford. If you can’t walk, you can be a sponsor. Hunger is a problem at home and around the world. You can help TODAY !

This week:

Monday-Labor Day: Office Closed-(Pastor Meredith will be working at home)

Tuesday-Office Open 9:00AM-3:00PM (Pastor Meredith will not be in)

Wednesday-Women’s Fellowship 7:30PM

Thursday-Office Open 9:00AM-3:00PM
Choir 7:00PM

Looking ahead: Our annual Corn Roast and Barbecue will be held on Sunday, September 20 with activities beginning at 3:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. You don't want to miss the fabulous food and fun that we have at this event – you can sign-up on the Bulletin Board in the Education Wing. Please, bring a salad, covered dish or dessert and 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.

CROP Walk-October 4

Attendance for August 30: 58

Offering for August 30: \$1,566.00

St. Paul's Continuing Care Homes: \$156.00

St. Barbara Food Bank: \$10.00

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Not Just for Funerals

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." - Psalm 23

Almost every time I plan a funeral, the reading of Psalm 23 is requested. It's probably the one Psalm we all know more than any of the others, and there is something comforting about reading it while we mourn: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

But that Psalm 23 has been relegated mostly to funerals is a tragedy. Because, to me, this Psalm isn't about death; it's about living fearlessly and in abundance.

The shepherd of the Psalm, God, is described as someone who can

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lead us through the scariest of places, all the while casting aside our fear. And God fills our cups, not just until there is enough, but until they overflow with so much goodness that we can't help but share it.

I think churches could learn from this. Because in a time when so many churches are drawing inward, afraid of an unknown future, and clinging to the "hope" of austerity measures, the Psalm offers us a radical alternative. Don't live in fear. Live in faith. And follow the one who can lead you through the darkest valleys and make them seem like they were well-lit sidewalks.

Churches, don't wait until your funeral to live out this Psalm. Live out that kind of faith every day. God has already given you more than you need. Don't be afraid. Live boldly, and you will indeed live.

Prayer

God, be our shepherd, and cast out our fear. Help us to follow you into the unknown, and to see the grace that we have already received. Amen.

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God is still speaking . . .