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1st Sunday in Lent

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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

***Introit: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord. ***

Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you.

I want to see you. (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy (repeat)

Holy, Holy, Holy I want to see you

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Brian Long

Leader: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

Pastor: Where will this journey take us?

Leader: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

Pastor: How much time do we have to get ready?

Leader: The time is now at hand for this journey.

Pastor: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.

***Hymn #205 Forty Days and Forty Nights**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader: Brian Long

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

We have lists of things to do, for all the areas of our lives. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel imprisoned in them. Now we are challenged by Christ to take a journey of discipleship. We don't feel ready for this journey. We need more time. And we complain and cry about how much we have to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you. Reset our priorities so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Lord, help us to be ready when you call us. Help us to courageously answer the summons you bring. Let us place our trust in you in all things. 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

Pastor: God will not keep silent, but will gather us in with the tender words: "You are forgiven."

All: **Glory to God!**

*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:

Anthem: “Without His Cross”

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: “It’s Time”

*Hymn #207 “Just as I Am”

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

*Hymn #208 “God Loved the World”

*The Benediction

*Postlude

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ

Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor

Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard

Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant

Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Brian Long.....Today’s Reader



Did you know that we have changed our Bible Study location? The Bible Study continues to meet at 9AM each Saturday, now at the King's Restaurant in Delmont. The current study is "Jesus Calling", trusting in Christ with introduction to Scripture, questions and considerations. All are welcome, just call Joyfa at 724-527-5344 or Sylvia at 724-744-7257 or walk in on Saturday morning!

This week:

• **Monday**, February 19 is President's Day; the office will be open.

Lent • **Wednesday, February 21: 7:30-8:30PM Lenten Cluster Service** at Hill's Church with Rev. Joe Hedden presiding. Opening Devotions and Food at 7:30PM; Workshop Group at 8PM. Theme is "Connecting with God through Creation". Hill's Church (Emmanuel Reformed UCC) is at 3618 Hills Church Road, Export, PA 15632, 724-327-5050.

• **Thursday:** Choir 7PM

Looking Ahead:

Lent **Wednesday, February 28: Noon-1PM Lenten Cluster Service in Apollo at First United Church of Christ** with Ms. T.J. Lucas presiding. Opening Devotions and Food at Noon; Workshop Group at 12:30PM. First UCC is at 212 S. Second Street, Apollo, PA, 15613, 724-478-1261.

Lent **Wednesday, March 7: Noon-1PM Lenten Cluster Service here at Denmark Manor UCC** with Pastor Don Watkins presiding. Opening Devotions and Food at Noon; Workshop Group at 12:30PM. Theme is "Dreams and Visions".

Attendance for February 11: 55
Offering for February 15: \$1,642.92

Attendance for February 14, Ash Wednesday: 36

In case of inclement weather, if it is impossible to hold worship, there will be an announcement on WPXI, Channel 11. Trude Hayes will also send out an e-mail blast to those on our list and she will post it on Facebook.



In February each year, the Mission Team of Denmark Manor UCC begins collecting support items for the Blackburn Center, which helps women and children suffering from domestic violence. The request this year is for bath & paper products and healthcare supplies. Here is a short idea list:

- Bath Mats, Heating Pads, Bath Tissue, Kleenex, Plungers, Shower Curtains & Rings, Soap Dispensers & Refills, Toilet Brushes, Wastebaskets, Towel & Washcloth Sets.
- Over-The-Counter medications such as Advil, Aleve, Cough Medicine, Triple Antibiotic Salve (tube), Hydrocortisone Cream.
- Gift Cards from retailers like Giant Eagle, WalMart, Target, Shop 'n Save; these can be used for groceries and gas.

With appreciation to all who can do a little extra shopping while you are out and about during the month of February!

The Mission Team . . . Joyfa Kelly, Sylvia Duncan, Gina Creese, Jen Lahmers, Gerry Hartung and Sharon Hartung

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ Functional Atheism "This command I gave them, 'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk only in the way that I command you, so that it may be well with you.' - Jeremiah 7:23

A lot of us claim to believe in God, but then act as if everything depended on us. Meanwhile, we are white-knuckling it all the way. Some verbal hallmarks that you are a functional atheist: "I can handle this all by myself." "Don't worry about me." "Yup, just fine."

One of the great sicknesses of the 21st century is our isolation from each other and from God. We are allergic to asking for help and have a fear of being thought "needy." Some of us will walk in our own counsel right off a cliff rather than show vulnerability to another human being, or turn to God in prayer.

Here's a news flash: You're just as God made you, and that includes being needy.

Prayer . . . God, take away my shame that I really can't handle this all by myself, and use my neediness to show the world what Your power is really like. Amen.

About the Author . . . Molly Baskette is Senior Minister of the First Church of Berkeley, California, and the author of the best-selling Real Good Church and Standing Naked Before God.

