Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Office Hours: Monday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

4/25/2021

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Prelude

Opening Statements:

Pastor: God is Good! People: All the Time! People: God is Good!

Welcome and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

*Introit: "He is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Benediction Response: "Up from the Grave He Arose" *Postlude

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

Attendance for April 18, 2021 29
Offering for April 18, 2021 \$2,977.00

Look for us on Facebook at:

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

Electronic sign total giving to date: \$3,985.00

The Mission Team is collecting pancake/waffle mixes, syrup, and hot/cold breakfast cereals, including gluten free cereals during the month of April. You may leave these on Sunday, Monday, or Thursday.

The Worship Team is collecting photos of mothers for a special service on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. Please email them to the church or leave them with the office. These will be returned to you.

"God is still speaking..."

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:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock!

Special Reading: "Shepherding"

Passing the Peace of Christ:

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

1st New Testament Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

2nd New Testament Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

*Gospel Lesson:

John 10:11-18

Sermon: "Nothing New!"

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: (Unison)

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

Invitation to the Offering:

The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance. The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action. May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

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)

*Offering Prayer: (Unison)

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.

Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen

*Hymn: "My Shepherd is the Living God" #247 NCH (vs. 1,2,3)

The Benediction:

Pastor: Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love, go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness. Love one another in truth and action. May God's abundant blessings abide in you forever. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: AMEN.

*Call to Worship: (Responsive)

L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

P: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

P: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

P: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. Amen

*Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Loving Shepherd, you know our names. You care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen

*Opening Hymn: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" #433 NCH (vs. 1-3)

Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Pastor: Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.

Leader: In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough.

Pastor: In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. **Leader:** When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you.

All: Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen