

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday after Epiphany 1/19/2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit:** "Here I am, Lord"

All: Here I am, 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.

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

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
Cathy Higgins..... Administrative Assistant
Joni Mattei..... Music Director
Dan Bozym..... Organist
Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
Myrt Driscoll.....Worship Leader

Attendance for January 12, 2025: 45
Offering for January 12, 2025: \$1,624.00

There will be a Worship Planning Team Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m.

We will hold our Annual Meeting immediately following today's service. Please plan to stay for a short while for this important meeting.

“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:

You are no longer abandoned, deserted, or defeated. In God’s steadfast love, and through the Spirit’s powerful presence, you are claimed as God’s delight. You are gifted to serve God’s world with love.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: As you greet those around you, look at each person and embrace these words from Isaiah: “You are precious in God’s sight.” May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us lovingly pass our greetings and wish peace on each other!)

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

***Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11**

Devotion: “A Story of Firsts!”

Response to the Word: (Unison)

Gifted in unique and beautiful ways, we are blessed by God’s Holy Spirit. Gifted to serve and share, we are blessed by God’s trust. Gifted to be God’s delight and crown of beauty, we are blessed to be Christ for the world. We are the body of Christ. Let us rejoice and live into this truth.

Installation of Consistory Officers for 2025 (Projected)

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, medical workers and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer: “Hear our prayer, O God”

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Our Savior:**

**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:

As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let's also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents, and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music *Offertory Response: "Doxology"

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.

***Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" #420 NCH (vs.1&2)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: As miracles of God, go to be God's miracle for the world.

People: We are blessed with God's gifts.

Pastor: Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Go with GOD"**

ALL: May God's wonders fill your heart, every day a gift from God. Go with peace, go with joy, Go with GOD. Go with peace, Go with joy, go with GOD.

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: God's faithful love welcomes us here.

P: Thank God for this glorious gift!

L: God's faithful love redeems our lives.

P: Thank God for our many blessings!

L: God's faithful love is ours to share.

P: We will offer this gift to God's world.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Arise, your Light Has Come"
#164 NCH (vs. 1,3,4)**

Prayer of Yearning:

Beloved One, thank you for loving us. Help us sense your steadfast love, even when we feel unsure or unworthy. Help us sense your presence, especially when we feel alone. Guide us home when we wander off. Claim us as your delight and your crown of beauty, that we might shine with your love and readily share your gifts with others. Amen.