

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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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
Renee Hartung.....Guest Speaker
Cathy Higgins.....Worship Leader

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 02/09/2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

The voice of God calls us this day. Christ beckons us to leave our old lives behind. Will we heed? Will we follow?

(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.

Attendance for February 2, 2025: 58
Offering for February 2, 2025: \$2,471.00

There will be a Worship Planning Team meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Renee Hartung, in Honor of Dan Bozym's 50th birthday, and in Memory of his 40's.

The Missions Team is collecting cans of soup to donate to the Westmoreland County Food Bank today for "Souper Bowl" Sunday. You may put these in the back of the sanctuary.

Please check your mailboxes at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs to get your 2024 offering tax statements.

"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:

Hear the good news, our names have been written in the book of life.
Thanks be to God!

***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: The Holy One invites us into relationships so deep that they
have the power to change our very being. Let us turn to one another
with this hope, as we share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.
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!)

Anthem: “Joy in the Camp”

1st Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:24-27

***2nd Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11**

Sermon: “Fan or Follower?”

Response to the Word: (Responsive)

Leader: Loved as God’s children . . .

People: we walk in the footsteps of the saints.

Leader: Called as Christ’s followers . . .

People: we follow the Lord of life.

Leader: Blessed by the Holy Spirit . . .

People: we abide in God’s presence.

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 God's children let us follow the lead of our Father and give all we can to the needy!

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)**

With hearts full of love, may our spirits sing your praise. As we bring our offering before you this day, bless us and our gifts, that we may bring your holy presence where it is needed most in your world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come"
#164 NCH (vs. 1,3,4)**

***The Benediction:**

Leader: God is our strength. Hear and receive it. Christ is our hope. Embrace and follow it. The Spirit is our joy. Share it. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Go with GOD" (projected)**

***Postlude**

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

L: The voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

P: We are here to answer God's call.

L: The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

P: We are here to answer Christ's call.

L: The voice of the Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

P: We are here. Send us, we pray!

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, is as unfathomable as the deep, as alluring as the night sky. When all seems lost, call us from the wreckage of our lives. Grant us the ability and the will to hear your call and bless us with the grace to embrace your promised salvation. Help us face our fears, that we might remain sure-footed on our journey of faith. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "We Praise You, O God"
#420 NCH (vs. 1&3)**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Almighty God, we are a people of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips. We are more accustomed to spreading gossip than we are to singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Yet, we long to be made new and whole this day. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us and call us to follow you once more. As the disciples left their fishing boats, may we leave the comfort of familiar shores. Work through us in the power of your Son, that all people might be brought to your glory. Amen.