

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 02/16/2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Blessed are those who trust the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like trees planted by water, sending out their roots by the stream. They shall not cease to bear fruit.

(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
Robin Brautigam.....Guest Speaker
Rick Bausher.....Worship Leader**

**Attendance for February 9, 2025: 46
Offering for February 9, 2025: \$2,072.00**

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to get your 2024 giving 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:

In every impoverished place, every season of greatest longing, God is with us. In every instance of confusion or conundrum when we cannot find our way, God comes to be our guide. For every moment when our hearts hunger, when our souls thirst and our minds and bodies cry out, God plants us by streams of grace. God overcomes our pain, until there is only life, only love, only joy. Amen.

***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: Even in our greatest struggles, Christ says, “Blessed are you, for yours is the **kin-dom** of God. For all who hunger will be filled. And all who weep will rejoice and laugh.”
May the joy and 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: “I Worship You, Almighty God”

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 1

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26**

Reading: “Love is.....bits and pieces”

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:

God has satisfied the hunger of both our bodies and our souls. Let us share our gifts with all God’s creation, that weeping may turn to laughter, and struggle may turn to joy.

**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)**

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish all who have need. Amen.

***Hymn: “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”
#459 NCH (vs. 1&2)**

***The Benediction:**

Leader: People of God, blessed are you. Go into the world, following the living God—this day and all days. Let all of God’s children join and say together,
All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Go with GOD” (projected)**

***Postlude**

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

L: Happy are those who delight in God’s ways,

P: who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God’s love.

L: In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

P: They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

L: They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

P: Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts. Lead us, again, O God, into your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”
#156 UMH (vs. 1&4)**

**Call to Confession
Prayer of Yearning:**

God of Mercy, whose presence is ever-living, make us whole. Lay your path before us, for we are easily confused, distracted, blown off course, and lost. In the arid places of our lives—the seasons when our hearts starve, and our souls are parched and dry—lead us to your living waters and the nourishment of your ever-flowing streams. Plant us and center us in the core of your mercy, that we might soak up your grace and touch the fullness of your Life, this day and all days. Amen.