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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
- Brian Long.....Worship Leader

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 02/23/2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Come into this place with a quiet heart. Be still before God and wait patiently, for the Lord is merciful.

(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 16, 2025:	41
Offering for February 16, 2025:	\$1,710.00

“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:

God’s love and mercy are freely available to all. When we trust and delight in God’s mercy, we are better able to show this mercy to those around us. Because God can do this, you can do it. We can do it together!

***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: May the peace of Christ find you on your journey toward grace and mercy. May the grace of forgiveness and the kindness of mercy dwell in your hearts today. 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: “It Is Well with My Soul”

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38**

Message:

“Check Mate”

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:

On this day we come bearing gifts for those in need! We pray that they may bring hope, joy and peace to those who receive them!

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)**

Holy God, we bring this offering of our money, prayer, and labor to advance your work of mercy. We willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with the church, our community, and the world. Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in your world without judgment or prejudice. Amen.

***Hymn: "Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"
#537 NCH (vs. 1-3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ follow you from this place. Remember the mercy of God, and the love of Christ. Go beyond the Golden Rule and forgive first, love first, and give first. Measure out a good amount of grace, for you and others, and prepare a recipe for a merciful life. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

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

***Postlude**

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

L: In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

P: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

L: We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

P: When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in peace and security.

L: The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

P: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Holy One, we come together to pause, pray, and praise. Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy. You provide for us; help us claim the power of your love for our lives. Help us to measure out grace, shaking it together with forgiveness and give them to others as you would have us do. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"
#473 NCH (vs. 1&3)**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Yearning:

Lord God, we come to you as imperfect creatures. Yet, we yearn to feel your warm embrace. We long to touch your love and forgiveness, despite our shortcomings. Ease our journey toward mercy, as we grow in faith and love. Help us bless those who curse us and pray for those who mistreat us. This is your direction for our lives, and we will follow as we are able. Amen.