

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Fifth Sunday of Easter **4/28/2024**

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

Scripture Lessons: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Connected to Christ through the power of love, we become the presence of God for the world. (Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: "Christ Rose Up from the Dead"**

**All: Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,
Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,
Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,
and God's grace will bear my spirit home.**

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
Joni Mattei, Robin Brautigam.....Worship Leaders
Renee Hartung.....Guest Speaker

Attendance for April 21, 2024: 45
Offering for April 21, 2024: \$1,716.00

There is a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to volunteer for the upcoming Roast Beef dinner in June. Many hands are needed to make it a success, so please sign the sheet if you would like to help.

A Pirate game sign-up sheet is on the back table. The deadline to sign up to go to the August 3 game will be May 5.

“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 promises are sure. The promises of forgiveness, grace, and love are true. In Christ’s love and grace, we are forgiven and made new.

***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: Abiding in God’s love, let’s share signs of love and 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 “Holy Manna”

New Testament Lesson: Acts 8: 26-40

2nd New Testament Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

***Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8**

Sermon: “Fruitful Growth!”

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:

Connected in love, let us share our love offerings with Christ’s church and God’s world.

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:**

Loving God, bless these gifts with love. Transform lives with our ministries, that your people everywhere might know your grace, abide in your love, and connect with Christ, the vine of life. Amen.

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

***The Benediction:**

Leader: As God's children, go now to serve.

People: We go to serve in love.

Leader: Abiding in Christ, go with Christ to love.

People: We go with Christ's love to love one another.

Leader: Go to serve in love and peace. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Up from the Grave He Arose" (refrain)**

All: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

***Postlude**

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

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we are connected, in love, to God.

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we are connected, in love, to one another.

L: As members of Christ's tree of life,

P: we strengthen our connection through worship.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Loving God, send your Spirit among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"
#257 NCH (vs.1-3)**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Speak truth to our hearts, O God. Speak love to our lives, that we may remain in your love and share your love joyously with others. Speak grace to our souls, that we may rest in your grace and forgive others as we have been forgiven. Speak mercy to our world, that all the world may know your love and find redemption in your grace. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.