

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Pentecost Sunday 5/19/2024

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

Scripture Lessons: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

In rushing wind and tongues of fire, the Church is born through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit:** "My Tribute"

All: To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

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
Rick Bausher.....Worship Leader

Attendance for May 12, 2024: 71
Offering for May 12, 2024: \$2,735.00

There is a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to volunteer for the upcoming Roast Beef dinner on June 1. Many hands are needed to make it a success, so please sign the sheet if you would like to help. Dinner tickets are available in the church office until May 23. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who would like to make or bring pies for the dinner.

Today we welcome Jim & Elena Sillaman from First UCC in Latrobe. They have come on behalf of Penn West Conference to present a certificate to Denmark Manor UCC.

Today is our special offering, Strengthen the Church. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

“God is still speaking . . .”

God searches the heart, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ. God's steadfast love endures forever.

***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: God sent the Advocate to seal the blessings of Christ in our lives. Let us claim these blessings for ourselves and for one another as we share signs of Christ's peace. 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: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

2nd New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

***Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

Sermon: "A Guide in Truth!"

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:

When the Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our maker and for the blessing of our 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: (Unison)**

Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost continue to birth hope for the future and offer blessings for those in need. May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the holy wind and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God"
#283 NCH (2 times)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: In rushing wind and cleansing fire, go forth in the power of the living God.

People: We go as children of God.

Pastor: In courage found and strength renewed, go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.

People: We go as heirs with Christ.

Pastor: In visions born and dreams restored, go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We go as new creations in the Spirit.

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

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "He Lives" (Refrain)**

All: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

***Postlude**

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

L: In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

P: the Church is born.

L: In courage found and faith renewed . . .

P: the Church gains strength.

L: In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

P: the Church blesses the world.

L: In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .

P: the Church leads the way.

L: In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may our young people see visions and our elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors of our shut-up hearts and send us into the world to spread the good news of your saving love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray"
#261 NCH (vs.1-3)**

Prayer of Yearning:

Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created. When you take away their breath, they return to the earth. Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may sing and rejoice in your presence. Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf, that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others claim your many blessings. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**