

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 6/16/2024

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

L: God is Good, **P: All the time,**

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(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit:** "Spirit of the Living God" #283 NCH

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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
Mary Jane Seigh.....Worship Leader

Attendance for June 9, 2024: 48
Offering for June 9, 2024: \$1,608.00

The Missions Team is collecting Birthday supplies for the Jeannette Salvation Army in the month of June. Please bring in cake mixes, frostings, candles, birthday napkins and birthday bags.

Today we are celebrating Father's Day with a surprise from the Worship Planning Team.

Don't forget the baskets for the Westmoreland Association Car Cruise in September are on the back pew in the sanctuary if you would like to donate.

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 30, to discuss changes to the church Bylaws.

“God is still speaking . . .”

God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them and give us the wisdom to trust your love, for you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.

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:

Pastor: May those who desire to please Christ, find the desires of their hearts.

People: In Christ, we are a new creation.

Pastor: Everything old has passed away.

People: Everything has become new!

Pastor: Glory to God!

All: 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: May God grant your heart's desire! Share this hope as you exchange 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 to each other!)

Anthem: "There is Sweet Music Here"

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

***Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26-34**

Sermon: "Growth and Transformation"

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 it comes to our resources, we build walls of security around ourselves with our money, time, energy and activity. We forget that our true home and our true security is found in God alone. May God transform our heart's desire until our actions align with God's will for our lives.

***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)**

This is our heart's desire, loving God, that you would take our money and our time, our prayers and our service, and transform them into the currency of your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn: "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"
#503 NCH (vs.1&3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Placing your hands over your hearts, receive the new thing that God is creating within you. Reaching your hands toward your neighbors, bless the new thing that God is creating within them. Reaching your hands toward the world, bless the new thing that God is creating in the world. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Amen, Amen, Amen"**

***Postlude**

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

L: God of covenant love,
P: we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.

L: God of incarnate love,
P: we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.

L: God of welcoming love,
P: we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.

L: God of everlasting love,
P: we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Faith of our Fathers"
#710 UMH (vs.1&3)**

**Call to Reconciliation:
Prayer of Yearning:**

Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions. (pg. 3)