

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **6/23/2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Inhale the calming presence of God, then exhale the chaos wreaking havoc on your hearts. As Christ speaks, “Peace! Be still,” feel your spirit relax and release the tempest all around.

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ring**ing 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
Barb Bucher.....Worship Leader

Attendance for June 16, 2024: 53
Offering for June 16, 2024: \$1,205.00

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

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 . . .”

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:

Even amidst the hardships and storms of life, God’s love carries us to safe harbors. Receive the unconditional love of God with hearts filled with joy.

***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: Like Christ, who says, “Peace!” in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors. 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!)

New Testament Lesson:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

***Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon:

“Finding Peace!”

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’s boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God’s peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

***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)**

We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything. May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.

***Hymn: “It is Well With my Soul”
#438 NCH (vs.1&3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: May the breezes of the Spirit calm our hearts as we share God’s presence with the world. May the peace of Christ pacify our engulfed minds as we go to care for our neighbors. The Holy One is our source of peace, today and forevermore. Let all of God’s children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen, Amen, Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

P: The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.

L: Be gracious to us, Holy One.

P: For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.

L: We praise you in every time in space.

P: We rejoice that your hand guides us.

***Opening Prayer:**

Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace. May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming. May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond. May our hearts find the tranquility we desire. May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
#506 NCH (vs.1&3)**

**Call to Reconciliation:
Prayer of Yearning: (Unison)**

Holy Generosity of Spirit, you are the fountain of salvation. From your love, we see peace and comfort. We yearn to extend the beauty of your grace to our neighbors, instead of hoarding it for ourselves. We long to remove the obstacles to your care from neighbors that need a helping hand, even when it requires heavy lifting. We seek to offer mercy to all your children, even when our struggles cloud our vision. Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors that we may be agents of your grace and messengers of your peace. Amen.