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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
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Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
Rick Bausher.....Worship Leader

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8/18/2024

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

A discerning mind is more to be desired than great wealth or long life.
A heart that distinguishes good from evil is more to be sought than earthly power and prestige.

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: "Surely the Presence of the Lord"**

All: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and His grace,

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face, surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Attendance for August 11, 2024: 55
Offering for August 11, 2024: \$1,857.00

Today we welcome Renee Hartung as our speaker, who is filling in for Pastor Don today.

There is a weekly flower chart in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up on the chart. There are strips on the bottom of the chart with Export Floral's phone number. They will place the flowers on the altar for the given day.

The Missions Team is collecting non-perishable items for the Westmoreland Foodbank. Next Sunday is the last day to donate. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on them.

Today is MIS-MATCH DAY! Prizes for the worst outfit!

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 8. This will be held in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please wear your picnic attire, it will be a casual, summer pool-party theme! The meat will be provided by the church, but covered dishes are needed. There will also be games, Bingo, and prizes. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you will be attending.

“God is still speaking, ”

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning: (Unison)

Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

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

Words of Assurance:

Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.

***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.

Old Testament Lesson: Special Readings from the Book of Psalm

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:7-11**

Sermon: "Finding Joy in Confusion?" Renee Hartung

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.**

***Hymn:** **“Down in My Heart”** **Projected**

***The Benediction:**

Leader: God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

People: We go to be a blessing to the world.

Leader: God sends us forth to be honest and just.

People: We go to be a blessing to the world.

Leader: Let all of God’s children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response:**

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

***Postlude**

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: As we seek God’s wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day. 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!)

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:
#293 NCH (vs.1&2)**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Invitation to the Offering:

We see God’s work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God’s covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God’s instruments in the world, as we collect today’s offering.

***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.**