

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8/25/2024

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

God's light is shining. Christ's love is flowing. The Spirit's presence is here, sustaining and strengthening us.

(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.

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
Brian Long.....Worship Leader

Attendance for August 18, 2024: 36
Offering for August 18, 2024: \$2,413.00

Welcome back to Pastor Don and Donna from vacation!

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.

Today is the last day the Missions Team will be collecting non-perishable items for the Westmoreland Foodbank in August. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on them.

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.

Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m.

“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 is our sun and our shield. Christ is the bread of our lives. The Spirit is our strength and our power. In these truths, we are clothed with protection to live with justice, truth, and peace.

***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: Clothed with the peace of God, led by the Prince of peace, strengthened by the Spirit of peace, share signs of peace and love with one another and with those we meet in the days ahead. 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: Ephesians 6:10-20

***Gospel Lesson: John 6:56-69**

Sermon: "In Many Ways!"

**Hymn of Preparation: "One Bread, One Body"
Instrumental duet by Dan Bozym & Cathy Higgins**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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:

As God has welcomed us, so God invites us to welcome others with generous gifts and heartfelt love. May we share our offerings and gifts in this spirit of generosity and love.

***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)**

Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace. Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples—disciples who share freely with your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. Amen.

***Hymn: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”
#575 UMH (vs.1&4)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Led by Christ,

People: we go now to serve.

Pastor: Strengthened by the Spirit,

People: we go to bring justice and peace.

Pastor: Guided by God,

People: we go in God’s glory and grace.

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

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: God is our sun and our shield.

P: God’s glory shines upon us.

L: God is our strength and our hope.

P: God’s faithfulness guides us.

L: God is our hope and our salvation.

P: God’s love and mercy welcome us.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
#514 UMH (vs.1&4)**

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

Glorious God of spirit and life, we long to look upon your face and live. We yearn to shine with your glory, despite our tarnished lives. We seek to stand firm and faithful, even when the storms of life threaten us. Lift us up with your mercy, that we may perceive your loving grace. Light our paths with your wisdom and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit, that we may follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.