

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost **9/01/2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

My heart longs to be close to you, O God. May my life and my deeds honor you.

(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
Barb Bucher.....Worship Leader

Attendance for August 25, 2024: 39
Offering for August 25, 2024: \$2,315.00

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 Westmoreland Association Car & Bike Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 12 – 4 p.m. at the Westmoreland Community College Campus. Proceeds benefit Hoffman Homes for Youth.

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.

First UCC of Harrison City will be holding a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, September 19, 2024. If you would like to donate, please see the information sheet on the bulletin board.

“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 has chosen to give us new life. This is God’s choice, given freely to us, as is every other good gift God has given. Rejoice in this good news!

***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: On this day let us focus upon what Jesus Christ brings into our lives: peace, love and assurance! 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:

James 1:17-27

***Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon:

“God’s Work!”

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 calls us to a devotion that is pure and faultless. What does such devotion look like? Caring for those in a world with big needs and little hope. Let us give as generously as God has given to us.

***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)**

God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your name. Amen.

***Hymn: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
#495 NCH (vs.1&4)**

***The Benediction: (Responsive)**

Pastor: The good gifts of God continue to pour out upon us, giving us inspiration and energy for every good act.

People: May our lives yield a full harvest of goodness and compassion!

Pastor: Go and be doers of God’s word of truth!

People: May our lives honor God!

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

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights—

P: the moon that waxes and wanes,

L: the planets that whirl around the sun,

P: the galaxies that wink from afar.

L: In the darkness you call out, “Let there be light,”

P: and the universe is filled with heavenly light.

L: You are our creator, too,

P: the One who formed us and who forms us still.

L: May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life!

All: Amen.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”
#396 UMH (vs.1&3)**

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

Ever-faithful God, you create each of us to be a presence of healing and love in our world. You equip us to resist intentions and actions that hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we forget your desire for us. Forgive us when we put aside your vision. Remind us of the love and goodness that you have planted within us. Draw our hearts close to you and bless us as we live in your ways. Amen.