

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday after Epiphany 1/22/2023

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

Prelude

Gathering Words:

Pastor: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

People: We will follow Jesus.

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People: We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

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People: We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

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Welcome and Announcements

***Ring**ing of the Bell

***Introit:** "Spirit of the Living God" #393 UMH

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
Cammy Young.....Music Director
Dan Bozym.....Organist
Thad Balsley.....Acolyte
Trude Hayes.....Worship Leader

Attendance for January 15, 2023: 43
Offering for January 15, 2023: \$2,236.50

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Today, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service.

During the month of January, the Missions team will continue to collect quarters for "Laundry Love" in Irwin. In February they will collect cans of soup on "Souper Bowl Sunday" for the Westmoreland County Foodbank.

"God is still speaking . . ."

People: Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love! May your promised realm draw near to us on this day. 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:

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

***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:**

Pastor: Greet one another with these words: "The God of light and love surrounds you with joy and peace." May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us wave our greeting and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem: "Lay up Your Treasures in Heaven"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

***Gospel Lesson:**

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon:

"A New Dawning!"

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 and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer: "Pray"

All: Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for peace within our world ____.

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for peace within our souls ____.

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for love and unity ____.

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray, pray, pray.

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior: (Sing)

**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:

Light has dawned in our lives and in our world. We are called to share that light, and to speak words of comfort and calling in a world shrouded still in gloom and darkness. Our offering will enable this community to be a beacon of light to those caught in the darkness of suffering and wandering.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music

***Offertory Response: “Doxology”**

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.

***Hymn: “O God, our Help in Ages Past”**

#25 NCH (vs. 1,2,3,6)

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Go forth bathed in the light and love of God. Go forth to join with Jesus to proclaim the good news of this love and light. Go forth empowered by the Spirit to live the Way with courage, conviction, and joy. Let all of God’s children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God’s glorious presence has appeared.

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

P: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

#189 UMH (vs. 1,2,4)

Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Pastor: God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. (cont’d. pg. 3)

