

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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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
- Dan Bozym..... Organist
- Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
- Trude Hayes.....Worship Leader

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost **10/06/2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

“What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?” Not angels, to be sure. Just people, the beloved children of God.

(Brief moment of silence)

*Ringing of the Bell

*Introit: “His Name is Wonderful”

All: His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He’s the great shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Attendance for Sept. 29:	41
Offering for Sept. 29, 2024:	\$1,370.00

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.

Choir practices are on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Today we are collecting the Neighbors in Need special offering. This year’s theme is “Mental Health Justice for All”.

There will be a Consistory Meeting on Monday, October 7, at 7 p.m.

The Mission Team is collecting items for the Blackburn Center during the month of October. This organization helps women who are victims of domestic violence in our area, providing safe housing and any other help they may need. A list of these needed items is on the back table, and in the newsletter. All these items must be new.

“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:

The psalmist says God made humanity but a little lower than the angels. We are, God knows, sometimes not even close to angels at all. Yet, God crowns us with glory and honor. In the name of that Jesus, the perfecter of our salvation, know that you are loved and forgiven. Amen.

***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 World Communion Sunday, we honor the One who created worlds and sustains all things through the divine Word. As we share signs of peace with one another, imagine the deep, creative love that extends—through us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit—to siblings in every time and place. 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!)

Anthem:

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

***Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:2-16**

Sermon: “Nothing Has Changed!”

**Hymn of Preparation: “The Church’s One Foundation”
#386 NCH (vs.1&2)**

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:

The psalmist invites us to walk in faithfulness before God. As part of this journey of faithfulness, with thanks for God’s wondrous deeds, and in support of the church’s ministry in this neighborhood and around the world, let us share our tithes and offerings.

***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)**

**Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds, bless these gifts
in Jesus’ name, that they may aid a world of need, near and far.
Amen.**

***Hymn: “O For a Heart to Praise My God”
#417 UMH (Vs.1,4,5)**

***The Benediction: (Responsive)**

Pastor: Go forth, as God gives you strength, blameless and upright,
persistent in integrity, trusting without wavering, and confident in
God’s love. Go in peace. Let all of God’s children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

P: Help us move in faithfulness.

L: When tests and trials come—when evil itself appears—we place
our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering.

P: Help us move with integrity.

L: Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

**P: Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your
wondrous deeds.**

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

**Gracious God, through whom all things exist, we are mindful this
day of siblings in faith around the world. We rejoice in our oneness
with them. We are mindful, too, of those near at hand and those far
away—those who suffer from ills and calamities, from wars and
disasters. Be present with them and us, we pray—even as you fix
our hearts on you and how we might, in faith, respond to the needs
of neighbors around the world. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: “Wonderful Words of Life”
#319 NCH (vs.1&3)**

Call to Reconciliation:

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**We are conscious this day, O God, of the world’s great needs: for
love, for caring, for right relationships of all kinds. We are
conscious, too, of the times we fall short: the small daily choices
and the large systems in society that impede the loving world you
envision. Save us from hypocrisy, we pray and help us find the
places your glory abides. Amen.**