

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 10/13/2024

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Where do you go, Elusive One, when all hope fades? Be with us in our time of need and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.

(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.

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
Ruth Bausher.....Worship Leader

Attendance for Oct. 6: 53
Offering for Oct. 6: \$2,825.59

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. Take a strip on the bottom of the chart with Export Floral's phone number. They will place them on the altar for the given day.

Today's flowers on the altar are given by Mark & Robin Brautigam, in honor of the birthdays of Robin, Avery and Liv.

Choir practices are on Thursdays 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.

The office will be closed this week, as Cathy will be on vacation.

"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:

L: Who can be saved?

P: With mortals, it is impossible.

L: But for God, all things are possible.

P: 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:**

Leader: Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us
in our need. In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of
Christ’s peace with one another. 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 4:12-16

***Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon:

“Lovin’ Life!”

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:

Even in our weaknesses, let us look within ourselves seeking strength,
and prove worthiness through the giving of ourselves.

***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)**

Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
#393 NCH (vs. 1&2)**

***The Benediction: (Responsive)**

Pastor: Whenever we feel poured out like water,

People: Christ offers us grace and mercy.

Pastor: Whenever we feel abandoned and alone,

People: Christ gives us hope and encouragement.

Pastor: Christ is there when our need is great.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

P: Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?

L: We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

P: We search for God above and beneath us, but come away empty.

L: Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

P: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.

All: Come! Let us worship.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Elusive One, be near us in our need. For we are poured out like water and our hearts melt like wax within us. You have watched over us since our birth, as a mother watches over her children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now, for the darkness threatens and the light fades. Help us in our weakness and touch us with your mercy and your grace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
#12 NCH (vs.1&3)**

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

You set before us the ways of life and death, O God. Help us keep to your path when the road is hard, and the cost seems high. We yearn to touch your perfect love, if only it didn’t mean giving up our comfort and our privilege. We long to love you with perfect devotion, but we are loathe to alter our selfish ways. Lift us beyond the empty shells of our shut-up hearts and help us find our way home. For in your love, all things are possible. Amen.