Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

10/27/2024

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Taste and see that the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Brief moment of silence)

*Ringing of the Bell

"His Name is Wonderful" *Introit:

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
Myrt Driscoll	Worship Leader
Attendance Oct. 13, 2024:	41
Offering Oct. 13, 2024:	\$1,965.00
Attendance Oct. 20, 2024:	34
Offering Oct. 20, 2024:	\$1,190.00

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 poinsettia order sheet is on the back table. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 3.

The Murrysville Christian Concern (MC2), along with First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a free coat giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. See details on the bulletin board.

We will be recognizing the veterans on Sunday, Nov. 10. Will all who have served in the military please let the office know in which branch you served.

"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:

Draw near to God in Christ, and God will draw near to you.

<u>All</u>: 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: Even in our darkest hours when God seems far away, the grace and mercy of Christ are in our midst when we share greetings of peace in his name. Let us share these gifts with one another by passing the peace of Christ. 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: Colossians 3: 1-11

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:14-23

Sermon: "3 lies and the Truth"

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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"

<u>All</u>: 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:

Help us, O God, to give through Your example. May we be a Blessing to you, through our giving!

*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)

Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind and healing to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in need and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.

*Hymn: "Be Now My Vision" #451 NCH (vs.1,3,4)

*The Benediction: (Responsive)

Pastor: God heals the broken and makes the wounded whole.

People: We go with peace in our hearts.

Pastor: God finds the lost and gives them a home. **People: We go with joy and thanksgiving.**

Pastor: God visits the lonely and makes them family.

People: We go with as the people of God.

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

All: Amen.

*Benediction Response: "Amen"

*Postlude

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*Call to Worship: (Responsive)

L: Magnify the Lord.

P: Praise God's holy name.

L: The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.

P: God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.

L: God restores our fortunes when calamity strikes.

P: Bless the Lord and praise God's holy name!

*Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Source of healing and mercy, heed us when we cry out in our need. Give us the wisdom and the courage to accept the limits of our understanding, as Job did before us. Give us the confidence to sing your praises, even when fear and doubt darken our thoughts. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be made well and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #252 NCH (vs.1&3)

Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Yearning:

God of quiet mystery, we come looking for a blessing. We long to be counted among the wise, but often find ourselves among the foolish, speaking without knowledge. We yearn to be found among the righteous, but often travel with those who boast without cause. We desire to be instruments of your grace, but often meet genuine pain with empty words. As blind Bartimaeus before us, grant us the courage to cry out in our need, for you are ever drawing near to make us whole. Amen.