

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 11/13/2022

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

***Introit: "Here I am, Lord"**

**All: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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
Thad Balsley.....Acolytes
Doreen Cherep.....Worship Leader

Attendance for November. 6, 2022: 33
Offering for November. 6, 2022: \$1,872.00

**Look for us on Facebook at:
Denmark Manor United Church of Christ**

Worship Planning Team Meeting, Monday, November. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and volunteers are needed. Please see Renee Hartung if you would like to help.

Christmas Cantata Choir practice will be on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. in the library. All are welcome.

Please join us for a New Members service and luncheon social on November 20 to celebrate the addition of 22 new members over the last two years.

Annual reports: It's that time of year again, so if you have a report to send, please submit it electronically as a Word document to the office email no later than December 5, 2022.

“God is still speaking . . .”

We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kin-dom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” 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:

God is our strength and our salvation. God’s anger is turned away, and in its place, we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we are reassured to live lives filled with joy and thanksgiving.

***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: (Responsive)**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, we are part of the new heaven and new earth. In God’s love we can reach across the differences that divide us. Let us greet one another in this spirit of reconciliation and peace. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you!

All: Amen.

(Let us take a moment to wave our love and peace to our neighbors!)

Holy Baptism of Jacob Gleich

Anthem: “Borning Cry”

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

New Testament Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: “Portentous Choices!”

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: (Unison)

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: (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)

The world is a mess. What can we do? We can offer our visions of hope, our words of comfort, our acts of love, our resources to help bring God's new heaven and new earth.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music

***Offertory Response: "We Are Giving in the Light of God"**

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams, our witness to your saving acts of love and justice, our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change.

***Hymn: "Be Not Dismayed"**

#460 NCH (vs.1-4)

***Benediction: (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)**

Pastor: Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges, and promises. Live the new creation. Let all of God's children join and say together.

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: "Amen"**

#812 NCH

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive) (Isaiah 12)**

L: Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

P: We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

L: Come people of God, hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

P: In hearing the promises, in witnessing the mighty deeds of God, we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

L: Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy,

P: for God truly is in our midst.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison) (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)**

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith. We need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

#459 NCH (vs.1-3)

**Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Confession: (Unison)
(Isaiah 65, Luke 21)**

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. (pg.3)

