

# Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 11/17/2024**

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

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Centering Words:**

How great is our God? Great enough to hold us when we fall down.  
Great enough to love us when we feel unlovable. Great enough to sustain and strengthen us all the days of our lives.

(Brief moment of silence)

### **\*Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Introit: "Pass it On"**

**All: It only takes a spark to get a fire going.**

**And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.**

**That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.**

**You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**

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**  
**Rick Bausher.....Worship Leader**

**Attendance Nov. 10, 2024: 42**  
**Offering Nov. 10, 2024: \$1,475.00**

The Mission Team is collecting gifts for local children. The Salvation Army Angel tags are on the tree. Please sign the tag number, your name and phone number on the sheet. The gifts are due back December 1.

The Worship Planning Team will host a "Thankful Breakfast" on Sunday, November 24 at 9 a.m. There will be pumpkin and regular pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. Informal worship service to follow in Fellowship Hall.

The flower on the altar is to congratulate Anthony and Stephanie Alimenti on the birth of their daughter, Ava Isabelle Alimenti, born November 5, 2024. Proud grandparents are Steve and Doreen Cherep.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, immediately following service. This will be to discuss the 2025 budget and nominate officers for next term.

**"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:**

Hold onto hope, for God is faithful and true. The promise of love is ours, through the grace of Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: As you share signs of peace, spark acts of love and good deeds everywhere you go. 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: "I Will Give Jubilant Thanks"**

**New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25**

**\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8**

**A Reading by Myrt Driscoll**

**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:**

God doesn't ask us to give our first-born child or the last cent we own. God asks for hearts of generosity and gifts lovingly given. Out of gratitude for God's trustworthy love and generous gifts, let us return gifts of gratitude to God.

**\*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)**

**Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: “Be Still, My Soul”  
#488 NCH (vs. 1&2)**

**\*The Benediction: (Responsive)**

Pastor: Go into the world with hope.

**People: We will shine with God’s glory and grace.**

Pastor: Courageously face the struggles and joys of each day.

**People: We will embrace the power of God’s love.**

Pastor: Go forth in courage and faith.

**People: We will bring God’s love to the world.**

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

**All: Amen.**

**\*Benediction Response: “Amen”**

**\*Postlude**

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

L: We approach the God of grace and glory,

**P: who has called us to worship this day.**

L: We arrive from the chaos of our world

**P: into the clarity of God’s presence.**

L: We leave the struggles of our lives,

**P: to embrace the power of God’s love.**

L: May this hour bring us courage,

**P: and a time to strengthen our faith.**

**\*Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

**Great and mighty God, open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the wisdom of your Word. Help us run the race of life with faithful perseverance and with steadfast love. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”  
#400 NCH (vs.1&2)**

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

Gracious God, hear the anguish of our hearts. Comfort us when our souls feel barren, shriveled, and lifeless. Strengthen us when we feel lost and alone. Heal us when we hurt and misuse ourselves and others. Guide us into your strong arms of love, that we may receive your gracious mercy and rest in your powerful love. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.