

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
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Thad Balsley.....Acolyte
Scott Hartung.....Worship Leader

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 2/05/2023

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" #393 UMH**

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Attendance for January 29, 2023: 38
Offering for January 29, 2023: \$1,658.59

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

The February calendars have been emailed to all. If you know of someone who cannot get it through email, there are copies in the back of the sanctuary.

On February 12 the Missions Team will collect cans of soup on "Souper Bowl Sunday" for the Westmoreland County Foodbank. There will also be a Valentine's Day Surprise during the service.

"God is still speaking . . ."

Give us hearts that are open, generous, and unafraid, that your divine spark might ignite within us and make us shine as beacons of your kindness and your love. 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: (Responsive)

L: Even when we stray,
P: God continues to guide us.
L. Even when our souls are parched,
P: God provides for us.
L: Even when we call for help,
P: God says, "I'm here."
L: Praise 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:**

Pastor: The light of God shines within us. Let this light shine from one to the other, bringing reassurance, hope, and peace as we extend our greeting! May this peace be with you all, always!
People: And also, with you!
(Let us wave our greeting and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem: "One Bread, One Body"

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20**

Sermon: "Makin' a Mark"

**Hymn of Preparation: "Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken"
#346 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 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:

**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: (Unison)

God provides abundantly for us and calls us to give generously to those in need. With gratitude for the blessings we have received, let us offer our gifts so that others may be blessed.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music *Offertory Response: “Doxology”

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Gracious God, through these gifts, given freely—may the hungry be fed, the homeless receive shelter, and the mistreated be set free. We offer all we have and all we are, that your light might break forth in us. Amen.

***Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
#139 UMH (vs.1&5)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Shine, people of God, shine!
Do not hide your light.
Stand up and raise your heads.
Open your mouths, your minds and your hearts.
Take your worship out of these doors.
Let all of God’s children join and say,
All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Amen”**

***Postlude**

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

L: Come and see! God’s light is shining brightly.

P: God’s light shines in us.

L: When we honor God’s commandments,

P: God’s light shines in us.

L: When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

P: God’s light shines in us.

L: When we show mercy and compassion,

P: God’s light shines in us.

L: We are the light of the world!

P: God’s light shines in us. Amen.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Luminous God, we give thanks for this Epiphany season of light. When fear casts shadows in our lives, open our hearts to your radiance. Shine on us, shine in us, and shine through us. Make us beams of justice, mercy, and love, that we may brighten your world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”
#419 NCH (vs.1&2)**

Call to Reconciliation: Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Loving Creator, you have placed within us the spark of your Divine Light. As people of your justice and mercy, you cause us to shine. We long to grow closer to you and to walk in your ways. And yet, we usually do whatever we want. We point fingers at others and serve our own interests. We satisfy ourselves with an hour in worship each week when there is so much more you ask of us. When we fail to heal your world, forgive us. (cont’d. pg. 3)

