

ORDER OF SERVICE

*As you are comfortably able you are invited to stand where indicated *.*

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Prelude" J. Schluty

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: Come to the house of the Lord. Come with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

Hymn: "What Gift Can We Bring" # 87 V. 1

Pastor: We bring the gift of prayer to this house. We raise to God our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.

People: We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship, work and witness.

Pastor: We bring the gift of our tokens, given freely from our hearts to be used in service to God.

People: We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and talents to serve God by working in God's world.

Hymn: "What Gift Can We Bring" # 87 V. 4

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

PRAISING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Christ for the World We Sing" # 568

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has given us many gifts.

People: We praise you, O God, for your abundance!

Pastor: When the harvest comes, we will be called to account for our stewardship of God's gifts.

People: Help us to be children of the light, O God! Let us remain alert to your will and your desire for our lives!

Pastor: May our eyes look to God, just as a servant carefully watches the master. Come, let us worship the Lord together.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

INTROIT "Lord, Be Glorified" TFWS # 2150

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Diana Spencer

PRAYING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS # 2158 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS # 2158 V. 1

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our thoughts:

People: That we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" #601 Refrain only

FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" #186

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Matthew 25: 14-30

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*GLORIA PATRI

#70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON "Are We Risk Takers?" Reverend Russel Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Elevation" J.L. Battwann

*THE DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for you blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. AMEN.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Clothed in faith and showered in love,
People: **We go forth, shining with God's light.**
Pastor: Washed in joy and bathed in hope,
People: **We go forth, radiant with Christ's love.**
Pastor: Blessed with gifts far more precious than jewels,
Pastor: **We go forth, blazing with the fire of God's Spirit.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Danish Amen" #898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Pues Si Vivimos (When We are Living) # 356 V. 2 & 4

*POSTLUDE "Closing Voluntary" E.L. Ashford

"WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD"

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24th Sunday After Pentecost**



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**WELCOME Visitors: WE ARE GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US!
If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.**

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.
We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

If this is your first time at Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church,

- You are invited to share your prayer concerns by writing them on the Prayer Request Cards located in pew and placing them in offering plate or give them to greeter/usher prior to the service if you would like them to be shared during service.
- If you need any assistance, or help locating restrooms or the water fountain, please ask a greeter/usher.
- Jr. Church will be held in the Whitney Room after the Children's Sermon.
- No Nursery available at this time.