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**Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church**

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**Welcome Visitors:** We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. 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.

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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
Order of Worship  
11:15AM**

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**CENTERING**

PRELUDE

"Now Praise We God Almighty"  
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

J. Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

**People: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

Pastor: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

**People: We thank God for brave men and women who have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

Pastor: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those who gave their eternity.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN

“God of the Ages”

No. 698, vs. 1, 2 & 4

## PRAISING

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

“America”

No. 697

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In a world filled with violence and war,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

Pastor: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

Pastor: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Pastor: Our hope is in the name of our Triune God,

**People: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of every nation, as we remember those who gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.**

INTROIT

“This is My Song”

No. 437, vs. 1 & 3

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

## HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Thy Word”

No. 601 (Refrain only)

**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

LESSON RESPONSE:

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

#717 (Refrain only)

***Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!***

***Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

No. 186

**“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia”**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. John

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 15:26-27; 16:46-75

\*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

**PROCLAIMING**

SERMON

“Our Obligation”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

**REMEMBERING**

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR FALLEN HEROS

Pastor: Each Memorial Day, we pause to remember those who have died in service to our country.

**People: We remember and give thanks.**

Pastor: Behind each sacrifice, lie people who gave up their special moments.

**People: We remember and give thanks.**

Pastor: We remember, this day, the 1,350,000 men and women who gave their lives for the sake of freedom.

**People: We must never forget their courage, their strength, and their sacrifice.**

\*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

No. 378, vs. 1 & 5

\*PRESENTATION OF A WHITE ROSE

A white rose is presented to the glory of God and in remembrance of all who have given the ultimate sacrifice—the giving of their lives in serving our great nation.

\*TAPS

\*PRAYER

Pastor: As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Please hold our servicemen and servicewomen in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence, as they stand in the gap for our protection.**

Pastor: We also remember the families of our troops.

**People: We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.**

Pastor: May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day, and may they trust in the Lord’s mighty power to accomplish each task.

**People: Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

No. 696, vs. 1 & 2

**HONORING OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS**

Pastor: For our men and women serving under orders this day, especially those who may be in situations of danger or captivity, that they may be inspired by the ideal of duty, may conduct themselves with honor, may reflect the noblest love of country and may receive strength equal to every challenge they face, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For families of men and women now on active duty, families of veterans, civilian families who have suffered in times of war, and especially those families whose tables will always have an empty chair, we pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember these veterans and active military,

**People:** and we give thanks.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Armed Service Medley”

(Veterans and those in the military are invited to come forward as you hear the anthem played for your branch of service. Then please remain at the altar with your comrades for the prayer of blessing.)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

**We pray, O God, a special blessing upon these men and women who stand before us. We thank you, O God, for their faithfulness and bravery, that we might know freedom. Keep our hearts open to treat this freedom with care. Amen.**

HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

No. 696, vs. 3

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee”

G.F. Kaufmann

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**In freedom we come, O Lord, offering a portion of the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Use this offering to help bring about peace in your world. And we offer ourselves to perfecting your kingdom of peace and justice among nations. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*DEPARTING LITANY OF PEACE AND BLESSING

Pastor: Creator and Ruler of Life, who has given us the Prince of Peace, let us begin our press for peace in the world by accepting the inner peace you offer to our lives.

**People: Give us peace, O God.**

Pastor: Let us be makers of peace within our own families and communities.

**People: Give us your peace, O God.**

Pastor: Fill our hearts with love of humankind and respect for human dignity that will demand justice and peace for all the world.

**People: Let us have peace, O God.**

Pastor: Guide your church, O God, to a concern for world peace, and let us accept our responsibility to call our nation and others to commit themselves to a strategy for peace.

**People: Help us make peace, O God.**

Pastor: Lead us in our press for peace that we may not cease until there is truly peace on earth.

**People: Help us make peace, O God.**



\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

No. 431

\*POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord God Almighty”

M. Dupre

**‘WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD’**