



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.

JUNE 6, 2021
2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Worship
11:15AM

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Teach Us, O Lord"

D. Paxton

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: Rejoice! Proclaim God's Presence!

People: **Let our voices rise in joy! God is with us!**

HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

TFWS No. 2074

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Pastor: Our savior Jesus is with us, offering us lessons in living and serving.

People: **Open our ears and our hearts to hear his words of encouragement.**

Pastor: Lift your voices in joyful praise.

People: **All of our days, we will praise and thank God for God's love and mercy.**

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PRAISING

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 62, vs. 1, 5 & 7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise,

People: for the Lord is good.

Pastor: Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,

People: for the Lord is good.

Pastor: Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever.

People: for the Lord is good.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, some of us come to this place full of anticipation and joy, others come weary and tired. And some of us come here today wondering why we are even here. Renew us in your Holy Spirit. Remind us that your steadfast love follows us wherever we go. Increase our faith, that we may not lose heart or become burdened by the challenges of life. Help us hear again the words of Christ: “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” We are yours, O God. Thank you for claiming us as your own. In the name of Christ, Your Son and our savior, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

No. 334

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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

No. 186

“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. Mark

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 3: 20-35

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Crazy Like Him”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives—the one who loves us completely, the one who offers us abundant forgiveness, the one who never leaves our side. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, the hand of God stretches far and wide to forgive us, bringing us newness of life. In the name of God, whose love endures forever, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 369, v. 1

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We have come to give praise to God and to say thank you for all that God has given us. In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts before God.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Thou My Life Art Ever”

F. W. Zachau

* DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. It’s an open feast.

Christ invites us all—

the rich and the poor,

the outcast and the honored.

Come to the gathering of sinners and saints.

Come to this blessed table where Christ reigns.

Come and taste the kingdom of God,

where all are welcome.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death. At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, you have given us peace and blessed us with a taste of your heavenly banquet. As we leave your table, usher us into your kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, as you go from this place: extend grace to all, be faithful to Christ, and do not lose hope. Amen.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

No. 663, vs. 1 & 2

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord God Almighty"

M. Dupre

'WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD'