



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 an usher 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.

JULY 18, 2021

11:15 AM

Order of Worship

CENTERING

PRELUDE

"Deal Thou With Me In Mercy, Lord"

J.G. Walther

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Ruth Kittner, Executive Director

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: With God as our shepherd, we shall want for nothing.

People: God restores our souls as we are led into righteousness.

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381 V. 1

***Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has brought us, thine we are.***

Pastor: God sets the table for us in the presence of our enemies.

People: God anoints us so that we may bless those separated from us.

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381 V. 2

***We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep the flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has brought us, thine we are.***

Pastor: Therefore, goodness and mercy are always ours.
People: **Reconciled, we dwell in God's presence forever.**

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381 V. 3

*Thou has promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou has mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has brought us, thine we are.*

PRAISING

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "Lord, You Are My Shepherd"

To God Be The Glory 11.11.11.11 with Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord leads us to abundant pastures of rest and peace.

People: **God is our good shepherd, who restores our soul and leads us along the right paths!**

Pastor: Even through the darkest valleys and along dangerous roads,

People: **God is our good shepherd, who restores our soul and leads us along the right paths!**

Pastor: All that God gives to us is good and precious,

People: **God is our good shepherd, who restores our soul and leads us along the right paths! Let us worship God together.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you are the good shepherd who provides us with everything we need. Let the calm waters of your mercy flow into our lives, so that even when we walk through dark valleys and stumble along twisting paths we may know that your goodness and protection are with us always, in Jesus' name, Amen.

INTROIT

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS No. 2128, vs. 1 & 3

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world. We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us. We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Reconcile us when we are disconnected and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

People: **God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.**

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 546, v. 1

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his loving servant people, by his own death set free.*

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 Samuel 7:1-14a

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 23

Hymn

"Shepherd Me, O God"

TFWS No. 2058

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fear, from death in-to life.

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Pastor: He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Hymn

"Shepherd Me, O God"

TFWS No. 2058

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fear, from death in-to life

Pastor: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn

"Shepherd Me, O God"

TFWS No. 2058

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fear, from death in-to life.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

No. 186

"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 6:30-34, 53-56

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

"Church"

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, flow through these gifts we return to you now. Dwell in them, as you dwell in us, that others may know your abiding presence and your steadfast love. In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now in Christ we are built together into a dwelling place for God.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go into the world, sharing the good news, bringing words of healing and mercy, giving thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy spirit. Bless the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

"God, When You called Our Church by Grace"
The Solid Rock 8.8.8.8 with Refrain ("My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less")

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude On 'Silver Street'"

G. Peterson

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!