



South Avenue and Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Churches

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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. Large Print Bulletins: We have bulletins in LARGE print available. Please ask an usher for one. 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.

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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25th AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 AM

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CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

G. Goltermann

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Hymn

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

No. 92 (Refrain)

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Pastor: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God;

People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Hymn

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’.

No. 92 (Refrain)

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Pastor: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to offer our gratitude in song and prayer.

Hymn

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

No. 92 (Refrain)

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

‘Come, Ye Thankful People, Come’

No 694

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**3. All the world is God’s own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**4. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.**

5. *Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is now a sacred space.

People: Let us remember that when we gather in God's name, God is in our midst.

Hymn

'We Gather Together'

No. 131 V. 1

1. *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.*

Pastor: We come here to worship with thanksgiving.

People: Let us remember that God is the audience, and we are the players.

2. *Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!*

Pastor: Come let us celebrate God's wonderful blessings and love.

People: We come here to be renewed and gratefully changed.

3. *We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks this day for all that you have given to us. You fill our lives with Joy, and now we return that joy with gratitude. May we, in this time of worship, give to you our Proper thanks and praise as we enter into communion with you and as we share with thankful Hearts. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INTROIT

'Thank You, Lord'

No. 84

*Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord,
Thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.*

ANTHEM

"Psalm 133"

J. L. Stivanson

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

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)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

LESSON RESPONSE 'Now Thank We All Our God' No. 102 V. 1
*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

SECOND LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

LESSON RESPONSE 'Now Thank We All Our God' No. 102 V. 3
*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven—
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 'Alleluia' No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 13: 1-8

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*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, Amen.*

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON "Frozen by Fear, Freed by Grace, Filled with Thanksgiving" Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your selfless generosity provides all that the world needs, yet we often keep your gifts for ourselves. Forgive us when we are thankless and indifferent to the needs of others. Rather than open our mouths in praise or song, we keep silent. We forget how deeply you care for us, and we're blind to

the abundance that surrounds us. Restore us, renew us, and fill our hearts again with your love. Show us what it means to be truly grateful and return us to your presence. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In times of famine and plenty, the Lord is constant. God sustains us and gives us the things we need. Our prayers and pleadings are heard. The Lord is near; God is present. The indescribable peace of the Spirit enfolds us. All that is good, true, pure, noble, gracious, lovable, and praiseworthy---that is what God has done for us. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute' No. 99
*To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.*

*With His blood He has saved me,
With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.*

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Summons"

arr. Tom Fettke

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Today, O Lord, we offer you our sacrifice of time, energy, and love, knowing full well they are mere tokens of the awesome faith you inspire within us. Accept these gifts, that they may continue the good work in Christ — in our churches, in our community, and in the world. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION

People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.
With grateful hearts we come!

HYMN

'We Come to This Table'
(Tune: 'We Gather Together')

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.*

*We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.*

***The bread and the cup that we share here with others
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.***

***We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.***

***We rise from this table with new dedication
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

'Give Thanks'

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***Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son***

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Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son***

***And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"***

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

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Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks*

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We began this worship-event with thanksgiving. I call on you now to move out into the world with thanksgiving.

People: We give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands forever.

Pastor: Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience, let thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer, let thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform, let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may have to endure.

People: We give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.

Pastor: The love of the Redeemer, the love of the Creator, the fellowship of the Counselor, will be with you now and always.

People: Amen!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'
Amen, amen, a-men.

No 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'

No. 664

*1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith
confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.*

*2. With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev'ryday life we
will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear*

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude in G"

G. Tritant

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD