

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We have been called to speak and to live out the radical, abiding love of God in the world. We do so by offering all that we are, all that we do, and all that we have, knowing that God will use us and our gifts to bring the beloved community ever closer to being realized in this world.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY "My Inmost Heart Now Raises" Georg Nigidius

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love—a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: God sends us forth with words of love on our lips.

People: Christ sends us with acts of love in our deeds.

Pastor: The Spirit sends us with the power of love to sustain our lives.

Pastor: We go in the power of God's love to be ambassadors of Christ's love and peace.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Danish Amen" No. 898

"A-men, a-men, a – men."

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 156, vs. 1 & 3

*POSTLUDE "Fantasia In D Minor" J. Stainer

"WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD"



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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me" J.M. Rasley

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: God is love!

People: Love is patient and kind,

Pastor: It does not envy or boast,

People: It is not arrogant or rude.

Pastor: Love does not insist on its own way,

People: It is not irritable or resentful.

Pastor: Love does not celebrate the wrong,

People: But rejoices in the right.

Pastor: Love bears all things.
People: Believes all things.
Pastor: Hopes all things.
People: Endures all things.
Pastor: Love never ends.
People: God is love!

HYMN "God of Love and God of Power" No. 578 V. 1 & 4

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Offer God your worship and your praise.
People: Before God formed us in our mothers' wombs, God knew and loved us.
Pastor: Offer Christ your love and your devotion.
People: Before we drew our first breath, Christ consecrated us as his own.
Pastor: Offer the Spirit your gratitude and your thanksgiving.
People: Before we heard the call to heal the world, the Spirit sustained our every heartbeat.
Pastor: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
People: We will offer God our worship and our praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, for we need to feel your healing touch. As we gather to worship you this day, humble our hearts, teach us patience, and touch us with kindness. Open our eyes, that we may see ourselves as you see us. Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness that our words may be true and our love may be pure. Bind us in a love that does not fail or fade, that we may bear all things, believe all things, and hopes all things in your love, which never ends. Amen.

INTROIT "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" No. 480, v. 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAYER "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496, v. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496, v. 3

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

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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"

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 4:21-30

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

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON "Who Owns God?" Rev. Russel Shuluga