

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

"Hour Of Memories"

B. Frick

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy Word, Holy Breath, Holy Maker of all, with gratitude for making us one body, we share our gifts with one another and with the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Spirit of God is upon you.

People: We go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.

Pastor: The Spirit of Christ is upon you.

People: We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.

Pastor: The power of the Spirit is upon you.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

A-men, a-men, a – men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"He Touched Me"

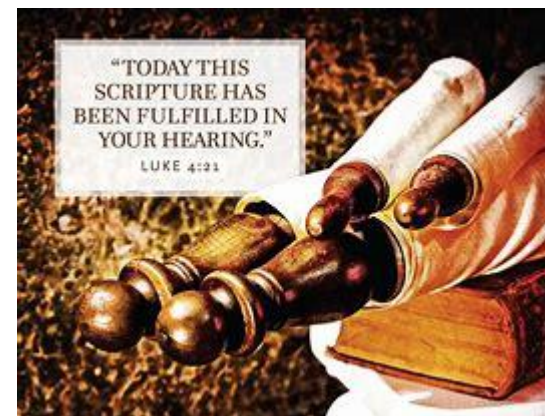
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*POSTLUDE

"Postludium"

C. Nordman

"WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD"



3rd 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 – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

"Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"

R.R.Peery

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be God's people.

Pastor: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be the body of Christ.

Pastor: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

HYMN

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS No. 2226

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body that is why we sing.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
"How Great Thou Art"

No. 77

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come before your God with praise and thanksgiving.

People: The joy of God is our strength.

Pastor: Join with the heavens and the earth in telling the goodness of our God.

People: The Joy of God is our strength.

Pastor: Come let us worship God, who revives our souls.

OPENING PRAYER

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

INTROIT

"Spirit of the Living God"
**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

No. 393

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

GENERAL CONFESSION

We not only confess our sins to you, O God, but we also confess them before each other. We acknowledge our connectedness with our brothers and sisters around us and how our unfaithfulness to you undermines the integrity of the Church as a whole. We want to keep our sins secret and to think they only have consequences for our relationship with you. But we know that when we act sinfully, we weaken the work of the whole people of God. When we are selfish and give in to the forces of wickedness, the reign of God which we all live in is impaired. Forgive us our foolish ways and by the power of your Holy Spirit enable us to band together with these, our brothers and sisters, that we might truly be your people, your image, Christ's body. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God who loved you enough to send Jesus to redeem you grants you forgiveness and grace and the Spirit of Jesus to bind you together with all God's people.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"My Tribute"

No. 99

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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"

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: 14-21

*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

"The Good News And The Bad News"

Rev. Russel Shuluga