

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over . . . for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Now is the time to present our gifts and offerings to God with praise and thanks.

### THE LORD'S OFFERING

#### THE OFFERTORY

'Elevation'

J.L. Battmann

#### \*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, your goodness and generosity are limitless and eternal. We bring before you our gifts, as echoes of your generosity, that they may be used for good. We know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. May our giving be a sign of this blessing for others and for our course in faith. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go with God's blessings.

People: **As followers of Jesus, we will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.**

Pastor: Go with God's blessing.

Pastor: **As disciples of Christ, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us.**

Pastor: Go with God's blessing.

People: **As people of the Way, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

Pastor: Go with God's blessing.



### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

**'A-men, a-men, a – men.'**

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Freely, Freely'

No. 389

### \*POSTLUDE

'Closing Voluntary'

E.L. Ashford



**February 20, 2022**

**Seventh 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.

**'WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD'**

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'Andante' E.L. Ashford

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.

HYMN 'On Eagles Wings' No. 143

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN 'Now Thank We All Our God' No. 102

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and learn the ways of life.

**People: We have come to follow Jesus.**

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Pastor: Come and learn the ways of life.

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we come before you today, seeking your blessings and your protection from the allure of sin. Heal us with your love, that we might love one another. Show us the truth we have found in Jesus. Embolden our courage that we may seize the opportunities you place before us. Strengthen our resolve to spread your word and ways, and remind us that your guidance is always present through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INTROIT 'Spirit of the Living God' No. 393

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' No. 140, v. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' No. 140, 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 15:35-38, 42-50

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 6:27-38

\*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 Real World' Rev. Russel Shuluga