CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God.
Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY   'Fughetta'   F. Peeters

*DOXOLOGY   No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, you are the source of every blessing. We behold your glory in the skies and touch your mystery all around us. In the beauty of our awakening, our doubts give way to a deep and abiding joy. In gratitude for your many mercies, we offer you these gifts and offerings that they may be signs of our commitment to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

    Leader: Believe where you have not seen.
    People: Our hearts will lead the way.
    Leader: Trust where you have reason to doubt.
    People: Our souls will lead us home.
    Leader: Hope where you have cause to despair.
    People: Our lives will know joy and peace.
    Leader: Go with God's blessing.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE   'Danish Amen'   No. 898

"A-men, a-men, a – men."

*RECESSIONAL HYMN   'Shalom to You'   No. 666

*POSTLUDE   'We All Believe In One God'   M. Dupre

Blessed are Those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday Of Easter

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. Pastor Russel has an open-door policy. Anyone wishing to speak to the pastor is welcomed and encouraged to call.   He is available 24/7.

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE   'Contemplation'   J.M. Rasley

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN   'Easter People, Raise Your Voices'   No. 304

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.
People: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!
Leader: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.
People: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.

INTROIT   'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'   No. 420 V. 1 & 4

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER   'Near to the Heart of God'   No. 472, v. 1

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE   'Near to the Heart of God'   No. 395, v. 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Leader: 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   Acts 5: 27-32
Leader: 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"

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

*THE GOSPEL IS READ   John 20: 19-31
*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE
Leader: The Gospel of the Living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI   No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON   Kim Viehland