



**May 1, 2022**

**Third 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.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM**

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**CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING**

PRELUDE

'Andante'

M.Thal

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

## CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

No. 155 V. 1, 2 & 4

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

**People: Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.**

Pastor: Christ asks us if we love him.

**People: We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship**

Pastor: Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

**People: Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.**

**AMEN**

### OPENING PRAYER

**We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.**

INTROIT

'Spirit Song'

No. 347

### 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 only)

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

### FIRST LESSON

Revelation 5: 11-14

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. John.  
**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 21: 1-19

\*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

“Do You Love Me”

Rev. Russel Shuluga

### **CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we come to the table of God’s heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ as we confess our sins.

GENERAL CONFESSION

**God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins. Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope peace to our world. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God’s anger lasts but a moment, but God’s favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

‘Amazing Grace’

No. 378 V. 1

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

'Andante'

E.H. Sheppard

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Rejoice and be glad.

**We praise God with joy.**

Thanks be to God.

**We thank God with our whole hearts.**

We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn. Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

SANCTUS

**Worthy is our God and worthy is Jesus Christ! Power and might be yours! Wisdom and honor be yours! Glory and blessing be yours! Amen and Amen. Now and forever. Amen.**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim this mystery:

**Christ was with us from the beginning. Christ is with us today. Christ will be with us until the end of time.**

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, bread and wine. Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send your Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. All praise is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give thanks that through Christ, we live in your favor. We give thanks that through Christ, we have come to the table of grace partaking heavenly food and the gift of salvation. Like the great company of witnesses who came to this table before us, we are filled with gratitude and joy for your many blessings. We offer you praise and thanksgiving, as we commit ourselves again as members of the living body of Christ. Amen**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

### CHARGE

Pastor: Jesus asks, "Do you love me?"

**People: Yes, Lord; you know that we love you.**

Pastor: "Feed my lambs."

Pastor: Jesus asks us again, "Do you love me?"

**People: Yes, Lord; you know that we love you.**

Pastor: "Tend my sheep."

Pastor: Jesus asks a third time, "Do you love me?"

**People: Yes, Lord; you know that we love you.**

Pastor: "Feed my sheep."

**People: We love you, Lord. We will feed your people with your love.**

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open as you journey into the wider world. Love God and see Christ in each person you meet. Give thanks always and do not withhold love from any, for we do not know who may yet turn to the light.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	'Danish Amen'	No. 898
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>'O How I Love Jesus'</i>	No. 170
*POSTLUDE	'Benediction'	L. Wely

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



Healey Family & Friends (Ginnie's Friend) -Passing of Dick  
Don Donaldson (Ginnie's Friend) - heart issues  
Koesel family—passing of Stephen  
Hope Gaebel - medical issues  
Sandy Nelson - prayers needed  
People of Ukraine  
Peacemakers  
Barbara Thaw -diagnosed with breast cancer  
Judy Spencer Baker - continued prayers  
Richard Wilson - continued prayers  
Annie MacLemore – heart attack & complications  
Earl Saunders Jr. - Stroke/COVID  
Aubri (Ginnie's granddaughter) – diagnosed with breast cancer  
Irene Chenot (Barbara's friend's mom) - cancer  
Joe (Ginnie & Sue's cousin) - diagnosed with myeloma cancer  
Afghanistan refugees  
Diamond Carter (friend of Richard's) - heart issues and a collapsed lung  
Prayers that the violence will stop  
Gary (Ginnie's son) - continued good health  
Phillis E. (former MAUMC education director) - cancer issues  
Pastor Russel W. Shuluga  
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian — Pittsburgh District Superintendent  
Those who are traveling  
Family & friends of those who have COVID  
Family & friends of those who have passed away from COVID  
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Those in silence needing prayers



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