

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us the gift of faith. Through this gift we see all people as God's children. Respond to God's generous love, that we may love one another as God has loved us. Let us share this love as we bring our tithes and offerings.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY 'At Rest' P. Quince

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus gave a new commandment to love one another.
People: Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.
Pastor: Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.
People: We go with God's love and blessing.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No 898
A-men, a-men, a-men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love' TFWS No. 2223

*POSTLUDE 'These Are the Holy Ten Commands' J.S. Bach

'WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD'

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Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church



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Pastor Russel is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'O Lord My God' M. Dupre

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' No. 384

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus reminded the disciples

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Pastor: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Pastor: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope

People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

INTROIT 'Spirit of the Living God' No. 393

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' TFWS No. 2146 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' TFWS No. 2146 V. 2

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 Acts 11: 1-18

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 13: 31-35

*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 'Standing in God's Way' 'Rev. Russel Shuluga

HYMN: 'Jesus Loves Me' No. 191