

*THE GOSPEL IS READ John 14: 23-29

*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 ‘Heaven on Earth’ Rev. Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Our lives have been blessed by flowing waters and harvests of fruits. Let us share our harvests with you and your world.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ‘Song Without Words’ I.B. Wilson

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
Creator and almighty God, from city to city, you continue to bless our lives. Wherever we find ourselves, the bounty of your peace meets us there. We bring these gifts to you in order to share our bounty, as you have shared yours with us. May those who need these gifts find your presence, even as they receive what they need. May their paths of faith be lit with your light, as ours have been. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION
God has a dwelling place with you. You have a dwelling place in Christ, a source of continual blessing in your life. Go forth to spread God’s message that others may also dwell in peace.



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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN ‘I’ll Fly Away’ TFWS No. 2282

*POSTLUDE ‘Reverie in D’ G.H. Swift

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

May 22, 2022
6th 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE ‘All through the Night’ J. Calkins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION		
*OPENING HYMN	‘God of Grace and God of Glory’	No. 577
CALL TO WORSHIP		
Pastor:	Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!	
People:	Let’s gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!	
HYMN	‘Shall We Gather at the River’	No. 723 V. 1
<i>Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.</i>		
Pastor:	From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God’s people!	
People:	And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!	
HYMN	‘Shall We Gather at the River’	No. 723 V. 3
<i>Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.</i>		
Pastor:	Our journey brings us to God’s wondrous river of Life!	
People:	Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.	
HYMN	‘Shall We Gather at the River’	No. 723 V. 4
<i>Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.</i>		

OPENING PRAYER		
How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God’s throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God’s people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. AMEN.		
INTROIT	‘There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy’ “Traditional Dutch Melody”	Handbell Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
HYMNS OF PRAYER	‘Just a Closer Walk with Thee’	TFWS No. 2158, V. 1
PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD’S PRAYER		
PRAYER RESPONSE	‘Just a Closer Walk with Thee’	TFWS No. 2158, 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)
<i>“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”</i>		
FIRST LESSON		Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5
Pastor:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	‘Alleluia’	No. 186
<i>“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia”</i>		

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.