

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.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
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CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'Saraband' J L Stivanson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'For This Land in All Its Wonder' Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7 ("God of Grace and God of Glory") NO. 577

**For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,
For the freedoms we enjoy here,
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!**

**For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;
God, we thank you and we pray now:
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!**

**For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,
For your vision born inside us of a just society,
God, we thank you and we pray now:
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!**

**May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.
May we follow where you lead us;
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

People: **May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.**

HYMN 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' No. 717 V. 1

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.***

***Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth his marching on.***

Pastor: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

HYMN

'The Battle Hymn of the Republic'

No. 717 V. 3

***He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.***

***Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth his marching on.***

Pastor: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN

'The Battle Hymn of the Republic'

No. 717 V. 5

***He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty,
He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be his foot-stool,
And the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on.***

***Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth his marching on.***

OPENING PRAYER

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTROIT

'A Psalmic Response'

(To the tune, 'Easter People, Raise Your Voices' No. 304)

**In the past our God did guide us
Pilgrims in a new found land.**

In his shelter God did hide us
With a strong and saving hand.
Glory, Glory! Hallelujah!
Firm upon his grace we stand.

Thank the Lord, his praises voicing
For his promised faithfulness.
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Walk in paths of righteousness.
Glory, Glory! Hallelujah!
Shout his name, his name confess.

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 2 Kings 5: 1-14
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. Luke.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*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

'Let Go and Let God'

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

INVITATION AND CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ our Lord calls to his Table: all who hurt and are beaten down by the stresses of life; all who love him and earnestly seek to live in peace with one another; all who repent of their sin and long to follow the call of discipleship. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love you most of all. We have failed to fully be your church in this time and place. We have sinned against you and each other by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see the Christ in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of your grace and in full obedience to your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God's gracious love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'God of the Ages'

No. 698 V. 4

**Refresh thy people on their toil-some way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory laud, and praise be ever thine.**

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

'Still, Still with Thee'

Don Phillips

Father, who have molded into one our nation, drawn from the peoples of many lands; grant that as the grains of wheat become one bread and the many grapes one cup of wine, so before all others be instruments of your peace. Bless these your tithes and offerings all your people in all your lands might be blessed. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe,
Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh,
you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich
with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small.
Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation
an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us.

And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of his own nation, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

And so, we remember again and give thanks as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup. Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever. **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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayers (sung)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the love we share in this Eucharist, heavenly Father, flow in rich blessing throughout our land and by your grace may we as a nation place our trust in you and seek to do your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

May our gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and all lands; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us God's grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to our Creator, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No 898

A-men, a-men, a-men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'America'

No. 697

**My country, tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing; land where my fathers died,**

Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain-side let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

Our father's God to, thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King!

*POSTLUDE

'Lift High the Cross'

Nicholson, arr. Hayes

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD