

**Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church**  
**August 7, 2022**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost**



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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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION**

\*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'How Great Thou Art'

No. 77

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:**      How shall we give praise to the Lord? Shall we offer thousands of rivers of oil? Shall we give ten thousand sacrificial lambs?

**People:**      **How shall we come before the Lord to offer praise?**

HYMN

'Make Me a Servant'

TFWS No. 2176

*Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.*

Pastor: What shall we offer in prayer in supplication to please God?

People: **How shall we show God our devotion and our love?**

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Pastor: Will God be pleased with our songs and shouts of praise? Will God love our festivals and our feasts?

People: **What does the Lord require of us?**

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Pastor: We are called to do justice

People: **We are called to love kindness.**

ALL: **We are called to walk humbly with our God. AMEN**

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OPENING PRAYER

**Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

INTROIT

'Blessed Be the Name'

No. 63

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

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

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 11: 1-13

### \*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

Why Pray?' (Part 3)

Pastor Russel Shuluga

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

### 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

**O God, your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life. We want to cease to do evil. We want to learn to do good. Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need. As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon. Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations, to bring about the justice you desire. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. By God's grace we are forgiven. Let the church say amen. **Amen.**

## HYMN OF ASURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## THE LORD'S OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Generous God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice, and be your light in the world. 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join 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.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

#### 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 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God  
now and for 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.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, you now have set your servants free  
to go in peace as you have promised.  
For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see!  
Blessing and honor and glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

People of God, made ready by God's love and mercy: Go forth into God's world to serve in ministries of justice, kindness and peace. Know always that God's peace is with you. **AMEN.**



\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No 898

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

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Now Let Us from This Table Rise'

No. 634 Vs. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE

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



Mifflin Avenue Church—passing of Chris and Richard  
Those affected by the violence in Uvalde, Texas school shooting  
Those affected by the violence in Buffalo, New York supermarket shooting  
Don Donaldson (Ginnie’s Friend) - heart issues  
Sandy Nelson - prayers needed  
People of Ukraine & Afghanistan  
Peacemakers  
Barbara Thaw –continued prayers  
Judy Spencer Baker - continued prayers  
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  
Gary (Ginnie's son) - continued good health  
Pastor Russel W. Shuluga  
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian — Pittsburgh District Superintendent  
People in African nations—let there be enough food for them  
Prayers that the violence will stop  
Those who are traveling  
Family & friends of those who have COVID  
Family & friends of those who have passed away from COVID  
Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church  
Those in silence needing prayers  
Western PA Conference

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adult Sunday School – every Sunday  
Coffee 9:30AM Class begins 9:45AM



The last bible study will be on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the John Wesley Room.



## August Mission Opportunity The Nyadire Connection

During the month of August, Mifflin Avenue, with our monetary donations, we will sponsor two young girls, Ivy Chimasa and Makamka Gosa in Zimbabwe. This program is sponsored through The Nyadire Connection. Over one million or one out of every four children is an orphan in Zimbabwe. Most live with extended family, a friend, or even as “child-led households.” Education is not free, and without financial support most of these children will not remain in school. The Home of Hope Outreach Program keeps children in school by sponsors who donate \$75.00/year to cover school fees and \$25.00 to provide a filled backpack. To sponsor these two children, we need donations to total \$200.00. If we get more, the extra funds will help pay for exams, tests and other expenses of attending school.

**If you would like to make a donation to the education of Ivy and Makamka, make your check payable to MAUMC and write “August Mission” in the memo line, and place in offering or mail to the church.**

Who is The Nyadire Connection.....

Founded in 2006, we are a faith-based, non-profit organization that seeks to support and sustain the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe, Africa. The Nyadire Mission offers a hospital, primary and secondary schools, an orphanage and many other services to the community.