

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN 'Majesty, Worship His Majesty' No. 176

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving Gardener, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotions of our labors, the fruits of our vines, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Receive these sacrifices, as a pledge to live our beliefs, through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world, singing a love-song in the vineyard of life. Remember the Gardner who your faith nurtures and provides for your needs. Grow into the promise of Christ, secure in the knowledge that you are loved.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No. 898

A-men, a-men, a – men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'A Charge to Keep I Have' No. 413 V. 1 & 2

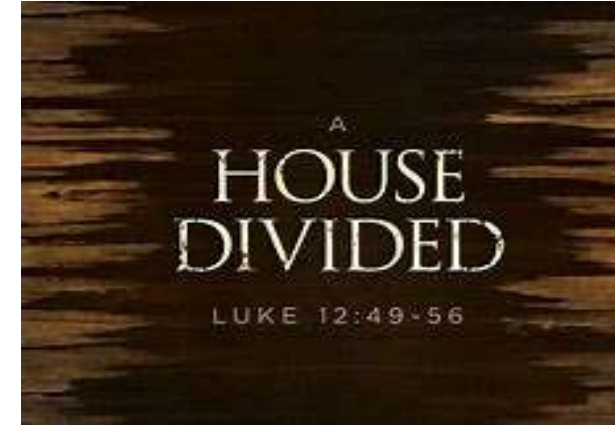
*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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 greeter 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 AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee'

No. 89

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God of the ages, we sing your praises in the vineyards of our lives.
People: Tend the garden of our love.
Pastor: Where we have become ragged and wild, prune us in the way we should grow.
People: Nurture the soil of our hope.
Pastor: Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith. Heal the roots of our faith. Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat, and protection in the wilderness.
People: Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the vineyard, we ask for your presence and your guidance. In your holy wisdom, tend the vines of our hearts. Teach us your righteousness that our lives may flower with justice. We come as wild grapes, yearning to grow fruitful in your love. Show us the way, through Jesus your Son, to discern your will, hear your word, and grow in your ways, as we deepen the roots of our faith. Amen.

INTROIT 'His Name Is Wonderful' No. 174

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'Through It All' No.507

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'Through It All' No.507

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: 29-12: 2

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 12: 49-56

*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 'Not Peace, But Division' Pastor Russel Shuluga

HYMN 'There's Something About That Name' No. 171

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father.