

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you, generous God of grace, for pouring your love and abundance so freely upon us. Pour this same love and abundance upon the gifts we now return to you, that they may become signs of grace and instruments of love to bring the world back home to you. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Go in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, be found by the great Shepherd and in his name seek out that which is lost.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

‘Danish Amen’
A-men, a=men, a – men.

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

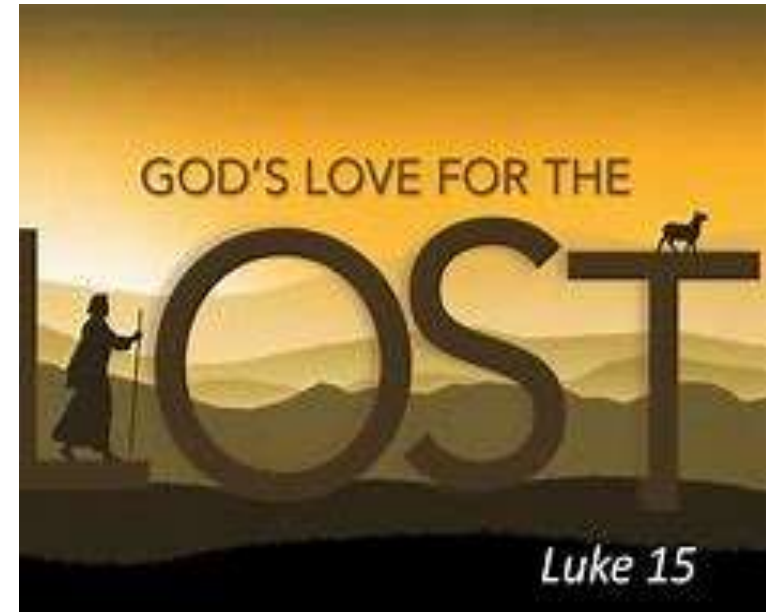
‘Grace Alone’

TFWS No. 2162

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
September 11, 2022
14th 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 AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

‘Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee’

No. 89

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: When the lost are found,

People: there is joy!

Pastor: When hope overcomes despair,

People: there is joy!

Pastor: When we seek and find God’s faithfulness,

People: there is joy!

OPENING PRAYER

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

INTROIT

‘Spirit Song’

No. 347

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER

‘Shepherd Me, O God’

TFWS No. 2058 (2X)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

‘Shepherd Me, O God’

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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

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

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 15: 1-10

*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

“Jesus’ Mission”

Pastor Russel Shuluga

AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS

Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angles, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor death, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN

‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’

No. 140 (chorus only)