

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
September 18, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN We Believe in One True God' No. 85
(Sung to the tune of 'For the Beauty of the Earth No. 92)

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, may these gifts help to ignite our church into becoming a beacon of love, reconciliation, and peacemaking in our community and throughout the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Be faithful in a little, that you may also be found faithful in much. Be faithful in much, that you may be entrusted with the true riches that come from above. Go to be faithful children of light, and come to know the grace, hope, and peace of the one who is truly faithful.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No 898
A-men, a-men, a – men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee' No. 430 V. 1 & 4

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD



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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
'This Is My Song'

No. 437

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

People: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

Pastor: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

People: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

Pastor: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Understanding and merciful God, our hearts are filled with sorrow, and we find it difficult to hold back our tears when we look out on the world. The hungry, the homeless, and the abused cry out for help. Neighbors cannot live together in peace, and nations try to settle their differences by force of arms. We lift our prayers for a better world this morning, and let it begin with me. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

INTROIT 'Let There Be Peace On Earth' No. 431

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' TFWS No. 2171 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' TFWS No. 2171 V. 1

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 2: 1-7

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 16: 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 'What Is The Truth?' Pastor Russel Shuluga

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the Right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.